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MAYOR ASKS FOR LAKE LAND DEED

Urges Measure to Give Willis Necessary Power.

Mayor Baker at Columbus Wednesday asked the house committee to insert in the Merkel bill a provision authorizing the governor to convey by quitclaim deed either to Cleveland railroads, the union depot company or the city title to as much of submerged lands in Lake Erie as they mutually agree will be needed for their individual improvements.

This is limited to Cleveland frontage east of the Cuyahoga river.

Samuel H. West of the Lake Shore and W. C. Boyle, Pennsylvania counsel, said they would be satisfied with that. The courts would decide whether the roads must pay for such lands, and if so, how much.

Cleveland's ambition to make a great harbor is the cause of the present request, Baker said.

"The state has done nothing to perform its duty, as guardian of that land," Baker said. "In filling in the lake, railroads have acted on an implied license of the state's inactivity. The state should assert ownership and control, or tender these rights to the city, natural guardian of the lake front."

Baker suggested a substitute bill, staying for two years the hands of all interested.

Merkel's bill is to transfer ownership of submerged and filled up land in the lake from state to city, on the ground railroads and other private concerns have taken advantage of the state's inattention to gobble up this property and interfere with the city's vast harbor plans.

Boyle said hasty action might ruin the ore business and give the city the right to seize the Illuminating company's lake front plant.

PROTEST ABOUT MAY DAY DANCES

The highland fling, picturesque Hungarian dances and folk dances of the Germans, Poles and other nationalities won't be barred from the Mayday celebration in city parks May 22, without a fight.

The announcement of Recreation Commissioner Black that Mayday was purely an English day, and that nothing but English dances would be placed on the Mayday programs, has roused other nationalities. Black also says the light, airy English dances come closer to typifying the coming of spring.

John Biro, editor of Szabadsag, Hungarian daily, scored Black in his issue Wednesday, and if Black won't permit Hungarian dances, he will go to Mayor Baker, he says.

A. J. MacAdams, haberdasher, and Mrs. Herman Fellinger joined in the protest for the Scotchmen and Germans. Highland flings have been on former programs.

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ASSEMBLY GETS TWO NEW BILLS ON LAKE FRONT

Baker Tries to Hurry Depot; Other Measure Drafted by Commerce Chamber.

Mayor Baker Wednesday at Columbus gave up the fight to have his bill taking from the state and private owners and giving to the city title in filled-in lake front land passed at this session of the legislature. The measure was introduced by Representative Merkel.

Baker offered to the House insurance committee for its consideration a substitute bill. The Chamber of Commerce also offered a substitute bill through Assistant Secretary Wellstead and E. C. Collins, of the chamber rivers and harbor committee. The Baker bill cuts out practically all of the drastic measures of the Merkel bill except reference to the deeding of state rights to cities for union depot purposes.

The chamber measure removes these drastic clauses from the Merkel bill:

Providing for the validation of all claims to filled-in land where the fill has been made fifteen years or more ago.

Providing for leasing by the city for periods of twenty-five years or less privileges on filled-in land.

Permitting the city, for park and recreation purposes, to make fills and maintain public terminals either for the benefit of one common carrier or all railroads.

Permitting the city to purchase all improvements now made on filled-in land at cost, less depreciation.

The Baker bill empowers the governor to deed state rights in made land to railroads and the city of Cleveland. It covers, east of the Cuyahoga river, only such lands as would be involved in the Union depot project. Under its terms the city would proceed with its agreement to pay the railroads $1,400,000 for their riparian rights to the land.

Mayor Baker hoped his bill would stop the opposition of Lakewood owners of lake front land. They claimed, through Attorney F. W. Treadway, that the original Merkel bill would prevent them building piers to stop their land washing away.

Prediction was made at city hall Wednesday that Baker must obtain such a special law before he can put through the proposed trade of part of the city's holdings east of the river mouth to the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines for lake frontage east of E. 9th st. Part of the tract is old Bath st., and the law denies the city the right to trade or sell a thoroughfare.

If negotiations for the trade are approved in time, the sale of the station site to the roads for $1,400,000 will be submitted to voters for approval in November, Baker promised. Stockwell Tuesday ruled a referendum is not necessary.

MAY DAY'S NOT JUST ENGLISH, SAY THOUSANDS

Representatives of Many Nationalities to Protest on Recreation Head's Idea.

WILL DEMAND THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE CHANCE

German Vice Consul Calls Baker and Adherents "Crowd of Carpetbaggers."

Protests against Recreation Commissioner Black's plan to have May day celebrated this year as a purely English holiday instead of having children of all nations participate in the folk dances at Edgewater park were to be made Thursday to Mayor Baker on his return from Columbus, by representatives of practically every foreign nation included in Cleveland population. Black's action was characterized as an affontery to every nation represented in Cleveland with the exception of the English.

Charges that Black's plan is un-American and in violation of President Wilson's neutrality policy were made on all sides Tuesday. Demand was to be made on Baker to order Black to change his plans and admit the children of all nations in the celebration May 22, or abandon the celebration entirely.

Black announced Tuesday that he would make the May day celebration this year purely an English festival, because May day is an old English holiday. He said he would bar out the Scotch, Russian, German, Hungarian, Danish and other dances which annually have formed a big part of the celebration at Edgewater park.

Victor W. Sincere, head of the Bailey Company and president of the Cosmopolitan alliance, Tuesday called a meeting of officers of the organization to protest against Black's plans announced by Black. His action was followed by John Bire, editor of the Szabadsag, Hungarian daily; Ven Svarc, Bohemian attorney, Engineers building, and George H. Schwan, German vice-consul, Cuyahoga building.

"The May day we celebrate in Cleveland is not an English festival," Sincere said. "It is purely an American celebration in which every nation represented in Cleveland's population should be included. Now, above all times, is the opportunity for our people to show their neutrality. Let the children of various nations mingle with one another. That is what the Cosmopolitan alliance is trying to accomplish—a friendly feeling among all people regardless of nationality. There is no reason why only England should be represented in the May day festival of the school children. The alliance will consider the plans and try to have them altered to meet with the satisfaction of everyone."

One of the big features of the May day celebrations in past years has been the beautiful Hungarian dances executed by Hungarian-American children, according to Biro. He said he would lead a delegation to Baker's office to protest against Black discriminating against the 50,000 Hungarians in Cleveland.

"No dances are more beautiful than the dances which the Hungarian children dance every year," Biro said. "Why Black should have the effrontery to have an English celebration in Cleveland to the exclusion of every other nation is something I cannot understand. I will protest to Mayor Baker against our people being discriminated against. There are only 2,000 naturalized English-Americans in Cleveland. This is no time to favor one nation by celebrating one of its holidays."

Calls Baker Carpetbagger.

Black's action was described as characteristic of the Baker administration by Vice Consul Schwan, who said it seemed to be the idea of Baker and his officials to run things to suit themselves, regardless of the taxpayers' wishes.

"The city has no right to celebrate an English holiday with the money we taxpayers pay into the city treasury," he said. "Black's action is illegal if he intends to use city money to celebrate an English holiday in an English way. The May day celebration is a composite celebration and should be so observed. I shall protest against an English celebration, but I have found it useless in the past to make any protests to Baker and the other carpet-baggers who come to Cleveland to exploit our city with no regard to the wishes of born Clevelanders."

The Bohemian-American Council prepared to make a protest to Baker through Attorney Svarc. The question of nationality should not enter into May day celebrations, Svarc said.

Fellinger Is Angry.

Senator Herman Fellinger, president of the German-American alliance, in Columbus Tuesday vigorously protested when he heard of Black's attitude. Fellinger said Black was wrong in his idea that May day is an English festivity. The Teutons celebrated the coming of spring long before the birth of Christ, Fellinger said.

"The Germans help pay Black's salary," Fellinger said. "Why should not they be represented at the festivity? In a cosmopolitan city like Cleveland the dances of all European nations represented should be included."

Black Tuesday maintained that May day is not the day for anything but English dances. He planned to include a few colonial and Indian dances to give the festival a touch of Americanism, he said. On Cleveland day he would arrange a program that would be cosmopolitan in character, he said, but the idea of having German, Danish, Irish or Norwegian dances on May day was absurd, in his opinion.

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SEES LAKE LAND ROW NEAR CLOSE

Mayor Believes Compromise Legislation Will Soon be Enacted by Assembly.

Report on Briggs Bond Bill Delayed Pending Cleveland Chamber's Hearing.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, returning last night from Columbus, expressed himself well satisfied with the attitude of legislators who have been hearing arguments for and against the Merkel bill, intended to transfer rights in submerged and filled-in lake front land from the state to the city.

"There appears to be really more of a disposition to compromise on some sort of legislation," said the mayor.

The mayor, speaking for the city in favor of the bill, and attorneys representing railroads and other interests, arguing against the measure, appeared before a house committee yesterday. Afterward, Mayor Baker before the utilities committee of the house, answered questions on the Briggs bill to exempt from the debt limits of the Longworth act the bonds of a city issued for enlarging electric light plants in the same manner that waterworks bonds are exempted when the income cares for the operating expenses and bond interest and sinking fund.

It was agreed that the committee report the bill out, but later it was announced the action would not be taken because the Chamber of Commerce of Cleveland had asked for a hearing next Tuesday evening. The bill was sent out of committee on a vote, but later was recalled by Chairman Kimball in view of a promise to hear the chamber, which sent word it was opposed to the measure.

Regarding the Merkel bill, Mayor Baker asked that there be inserted provision authorizing the governor to convey by quitclaim deed either to Cleveland railroads, the Union Depot company or the city, the title to as much of submerged lands in Lake Erie as they agreed would be needed for their individual improvements.

He declared the state either should assert its ownership and control of submerged lands in dealing with the railroads, or should tender those rights to the city. He suggested the possibility of a substitute bill to stay the hands of all interested for two years.

The principal speech made against the Merkel bill was by W. C. Boyle, who spoke for the Pennsylvania. With maps and drawings he showed the committee where the land was located and what had been done to develop it and challenged the right of the state to lay claims to values so created after it had stood by for seventy-five years while the work was being done.

Speaking for the Lake Shore road, Samuel E. West denied the good morals of the bill, the action of the city being destructive of values and confiscatory of property. He quoted from many court decisions to show their stand sound.

F. W. Treadway spoke for the property owners along the lake shore west of the city and presented the views of the people who had no relations with the contention of the city or the railways.

Clarence D. Laylin of the attorney general's staff spoke for Attorney General Turner and defended the action of the state in all that it had done and stood for what the city had done and was doing.

Mr. Boyle outlined what had been done by corporations along the shore line, particularly by the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., which he said had put up its plant under the law as then understood and defined, and with the consent and approval of the government in its federal control of navigable waters. Mr. Boyle insisted that the city was estopped now from making any new claims to the property in view of the fact that it had levied and collected taxes on the land against the railways for years and displayed paid tax bills to prove his contention.

Mayor Baker denied that such a matter as that was an estoppel and called attention to the fact that the city did not levy the taxes, that being a province and power of the state.

The Wickline bill, which is a copy of the Briggs county park and boulevard bill, is the first item on the calendar in the lower house of the assembly for today, and it is expected to pass without trouble. It has already passed the senate. It was drawn to provide the Rocky river park and boulevard system for Cuyahoga county, but fits numerous other counties, hence the generous support it is receiving.

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TO RECOMMEND JOINT APPRAISAL PLAN TO COUNCIL

City Law Director Favors Fifty-Fifty Split in Cost of Valuation of Light Company.

City Law Director Stockwell promised yesterday to recommend to council the city take up the proposition of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company to pay jointly for a quick appraisal of the corporation's property.

Until the appraisal is made the appeal of the company from a three-cent light ordinance cannot be heard by the state utilities commission. At a hearing before the commission at Columbus yesterday it was urged that the appraisal be hastened to relieve the company from the $1,000,000 bond, under which it is to refund the difference between present rates and three-cent rates, if the appeal is denied. The company will pay half of $75,000 needed to complete the appraisal.

Mayor Baker, at Columbus yesterday, recommended a substitute for the Merkel bill, to have the state deed to the city all "made" land on the lake shore. The substitute authorizes the governor to deed rights of the state in filled-in land to the city and to railroads for union depot purposes.

The Chamber of Commerce recommended another substitute. The House insurance committee, which had the Merkel bill under consideration yesterday, adjourned without action.

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OFFICIAL CITY LIGHT GAINS CALLED FAKE

Columbus Officer Says 'State Audits' Showing $80,000 in Profits in Two Years Never Were Made.

BALLARD AND BAKER COMPILE OWN REPORTS

One Lone Examination, of Bonds Only, Shows Errors in Credits Made by Engineers on Municipal Plant.

Statements of profits made by Cleveland's $3,000,000 municipal lighting system and the waterworks, put out from time to time by Mayor Baker, Lighting Commissioner Ballard, Utilities Director Stage and Finance Director Coughlin as the results of official audits by the state, were revealed Thursday as compilations pure and simple by the four officials themselves.

C. S. Metcalf, state examiner in Cleveland, declared Thursday the state has made no audit of municipal lighting books since 1912, nor of the waterworks since 1909, when Baker first took office. His statement repudiates profit figures printed in the Press and the Plain Dealer, avowed light supporters, purporting to have been taken from an official audit by Metcalf reported to State Auditor Donahey. Metcalf already has made unqualified denial of the exactness of the figures to Donahey.

At Columbus Thursday Chief Engineer L. G. White, Secretary Armstrong and Chief Clerk H. R. Campbell, of the state utilities commission, maintained Metcalf has not reported to them that the light department piled up a $30,000 profit in 1914, as was printed recently in the two newspapers.

Made Unofficial Report.

They recollected, however, that at Baker's request Metcalf had made a superficial examination of bond vouchers, a fractional part of the department's bookkeeping system, accepted figures advanced by Ballard and his engineers, and sent an unofficial statement to Donahey. But since 1913, they pointed out, it has been the province of the utilities commission, and not Donahey, to probe utilities' books.

"Any municipal light statement put out under the guise it was from an official audit by me is untrue," Metcalf said. "Not in 1913 or 1914 has the state made an audit of the department's books. Two years ago the work of auditing utilities was transferred from me to utilities commission employees. This year I merely examined bond vouchers from January 1 to September 1, 1914, accepted Ballard's figures for the balance of the year, and sent an unofficial statement to Columbus."

That Metcalf found scores of errors in perusing only the bond vouchers was admitted at city hall. In some instances he found charges for boilers lodged against construction of the E. 53d st. plant. The department's books balanced, but erroneous credits were numerous. The fact that Ballard delegates this work to engineers, whose chief interest is to reduce operating costs in order to make a good showing, is held to blame.

Metcalf's statement made it plain Thursday that Baker's and Ballard's statements of $50,000 profit in 1913 and $30,000 in 1914 are their own figures, unchecked in any manner by the state and based on a cost and operating system which is theirs entirely. That a thorough audit by the state will show a horse of a different color, and a reversal of profit figures, was charged by Republican councilmen.

The profit of $30,000 would be wiped out by just one charge—that against "lost taxes" which Metcalf did not include in his statement, Joseph T. Tracy, chief examiner of municipalities, pointed out at Columbus.

Tracy explained that lost taxes should be included in running expenses of the plant.

"If it were a privately-owned plant," it would have to pay taxes on its valuation of about $2,000,000," said Tracy. "In computing this, we usually deduct the state rate, leaving a rate of, in round numbers, about one fifty. This would mean a charge of $30,000 as lost taxes."

Figures put out by Ballard last week and printed in the Press are $500 to $1,000 high, according to a comparison with Metcalf's unofficial statement. In one instance, Ballard's total revenue figure dropped from $298,000 to $297,000.

No Formal Report Filed.

"In making his examination Metcalf accepted the word of city officials as to the value of property in use, didn't he?" Campbell was asked.

"Of course he did," declared Campbell.

"And if wrong figures had been entered he couldn't have told, could he?"

"No, not on such a swift examination."

"And if the plant officials had, for instance, charged to improvements what should have been charged to replacements, would Metcalf have discovered it?"

"Probably not," answered Campbell.

No formal report has been filed anywhere, Campbell said. He guessed that if any figures were given out they must have been announced by city officials after talking to Ballard.

Coughlin, in Ballard's absence Thursday, said he supposed Metcalf has been making annual audits, and said he thought Metcalf's report covered the entire ground.

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SALEN MAY RUN FOR MAYOR AND REFUSE TAX JOB

Willis' Appointee Says He'll Pass Up New Place if It Interferes.

FINANCE MUDDLE SEEN

New Taxer Asserts He Won't Stand for Fackler Increased Valuations.

"I won't accept my appointment as Cuyahoga-co taxer till I've talked with political and business friends in Cleveland."

This was the statement in Columbus Thursday of Charles P. Salen, former county clerk, follower of Harvey Garber in the "true democracy" league, and appointee of Gov. Willis as Cuyahoga-co taxer.

"I'm not going to do anything that will keep me out of the race for mayor this fall," Salen continued. "The present city administration is inefficient, wasteful, shirks work, and shows favoritism.

"I won't stand for Taxer Fackler's $50,000,000 boost on downtown property valuation. It's wrong and unjust to the big retail stores!"

Salen, named with James B. Ruhl, who managed Willis' primary campaign here, to succeed John D. Fackler and William Agnew, present taxers, jumped out of a sick bed at the Southern hotel to announce he may not take the job.

He'll Phone Willis.

"I'll let Willis know by phone from Cleveland Friday whether I'll accept the appointment or not," Salen said.

"My petitions are out for the mayor's job in Cleveland. I don't know whether acceptance of the tax commissionership would interfere with my running for mayor."

Salen who fell out with Tom L. Johnson when Salen was county clerk, has been an anti-organization democrat ever since. He's been a dark horse speculation as a mayoralty candidate up to this time.

Simultaneously, Ruhl announced at his offices, 716 Society for Savings, that he has already accepted his appointment as taxer, and that he'll keep mum till he gets on the job.

Tax Work Threatened.

The disruption of the taxers' office by the new appointments threatened to blow sky high five months of work, which cost $10,000, already done by Fackler and Agnew on the appraisal for the 1915 tax duplicate.

An increase of $200,000,000 was planned by the present taxers on the basis of the realty appraisal, which covered practically all territory except the eastern half of the city.

If this increase is not made, city, school and county officials will face a financial situation more serious than any on record because of shortage of revenue.

Fackler, despite loud protest by realty owners, planned to put on the duplicate a $50,000,000 valuation increase in the downtown section.

Asked whether he will accept any of the figures of Fackler and Agnew, Salen replied that much good work has been done, and that "not all of it ought to be undone."

Salen said the fact the city is now $1,000,000 behind in operating expense is "interesting," and laid the blame to extravagance by the present administration rather than to tax revenue.

Salen said he will try to keep Agnew as secretary of the new taxers' board, whether he takes the job or not. He said he'll try to have the secretary's $2400 salary boosted if necessary to retain Agnew.

An Impossible Task.

Unless Ruhl and Salen accept the tentative figures of the outgoing taxers, they will be up against the task of completing a new appraisal by July 5. This is almost impossible, according to tax experts.

If the figures of Fackler and Agnew are not accepted by the new taxers, last year's $1,075,000,000 county duplicate, exclusive of the John D. Rockefeller $311,000,000 assessment, may not be materially increased.

The city is now over $1,000,000 behind in operating expense. The school board faces a record deficit of between $350,000 and $400,000 this year. The county is to demand more money.

If the tax valuation increase is cut, the burden of huge assessments will fall upon smaller property owners.

"The situation would be appalling if the tax duplicate is not materially increased this year," was the comment of Mayor Baker, Finance Director Coughlin and D. C. Westenhaver, school board president, Thursday.

Taxers Inexperienced.

Neither Ruhl nor Salen has had material experience in the tax work. They will be minus the services of K. F. Leet, secretary to Fackler and Agnew, who has resigned. W. G. Beck, slated to succeed Leet, was formerly in the board of review.

If the incoming taxers decide on a new appraisal, they must fix valuations of 170,000 individual parcels of land in approximately 90 days, in addition to the computation of assessments.

Fackler and Agnew have completed the preliminary realty appraisal for all county territory except the eastern half of the city. Manufacturing and business property bears the brunt of increase in valuation under their tentative figures.

Fackler and Agnew, up to noon Thursday, had received no official notice of their ousting from Willis.

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TAX SEAT SENDS SALEN POLITICAL STOCK SOARING

Democratic Commissioner, Quizzed by Witt Aide, Scores City Administration.

OUTLINES POLICIES TODAY

New Board to Consider Revaluations and Appointments After Conference.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Tax Commissioners James B. Ruhl and Charles P. Salen will plan the policy of their office under Governor Willis' administration as to revaluations and appointments after an interview at Columbus this morning with the state tax commission.

Ruhl, Republican member of the new tax board, formally took office at 3:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon, John D. Fackler, a Bull Moose appointed by former Governor Cox, automatically retiring. Salen accepted his appointment as the Democratic member of the board at Columbus yesterday. William Agnew, whose place Salen takes, will remain in office until Salen files his $5,000 bond and qualifies, probably tomorrow morning.

Await New Policy.

Politicians were chiefly interested yesterday in the political effect of Salen's appointment. Taxpayers were anxiously awaiting an indication of the new commission's policy as to valuations. The politicians thought they had solved their riddle; the taxpayers were still guessing as to the policy, which will not be settled until after this morning's session.

That Salen was immeasurably stronger politically than he had been was the consensus of political opinion. The new commissioner, when he was interviewed at Columbus, seemed to be extremely aggressive against the administration of Mayor Baker, which Peter Witt is expecting to defend on the stump.

"I haven't decided whether I will run against witt," Salen said.

A representative of an afternoon newspaper which is for Witt asked Salen a list of questions, of which one was the following:

Sees Deficit Anyway.

"Are you in favor of the plan of former Tax Commissioners Agnew and Fackler to appoint in Cuyahoga county 100 special agents to pry into the personal property of taxpayers with a view of increasing the duplicate $200,000,000 to meet city expenses?"

Salen's answer, which is here printed for the first time, was:

"In my opinion, if the city duplicate was raised to a billion dollars from the present amount of $500,000,000 and the tax raised from about one to three per cent, under policies at present administered there would still be a deficit.

"The only remedy would be the selection of a city administration that would honestly, and in a businesslike way, get a dollar's worth of value for every dollar spent."

Will Scan Valuations.

From private conversations of Ruhl and Salen, however, it was taken that the tentative valuations on real estate fixed by Fackler would be scrutinized carefully and would be altered if not believed legal. Ruhl was asked concerning the $50,000,000 increase Fackler has sought to place on downtown property.

"So far as that is concerned, the law plainly says that all taxable property shall be placed on the duplicate at its full and true value in money," Ruhl replied.

County Auditor Zangerle yesterday wrote the incoming commissioners criticizing their predecessors and urging changes in system. He said that in case the board decided to revalue Cleveland for 1915 buildings should be reappraised as well as land.

"Under the circumstances it is a serious question whether the city of Cleveland should be revalued during the present year," Zangerle said. He asked that building assessments be put on a uniform basis and said revaluations by the Cox board last year were out of harmony with the rest of the county and should be reduced.

May Change Staff.

While no statement was made, it is believed that changes will be made in the personnel of the office force. What they will be will not be settled until later. All places save the secretaryship are under civil service. A new applicant, Captain P. A. Mackenzie, appeared for the secretary's job yesterday. His name is being considered with those of William G. Beck and Bert Atkinson. The state civil service commission yesterday postponed the examination for eleven deputies in the office until April 15. Appointments will all be from civil service lists.

Ruhl yesterday went to the courthouse, filed his bond with Zangerle, was sworn in by Ralph Mitchell, a deputy auditor who had been examined for the bar by Ruhl, and took over the office from Fackler.

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MAY LIST REALTY FOR TAXATION ON 1910 VALUE BASIS

New Tax Commissioners Are Advised to Follow That Course in Letter From County Auditor.

Finance Director Sees Appalling Fiscal Situation if Cleveland Tax Revenues Don't Increase.

RUHL FURNISHES BOND AND ASSUMES OFFICE

Salen Confers With Governor and Delays Taking New Post.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Possibility of Cleveland real estate being assessed for taxation this year on the valuations fixed by the quadrennial appraisers in 1910 loomed yesterday, with the passing from office of Deputy State Tax Commissioners John D. Fackler and William Agnew.

If the complete 1915 assessment is based on 1910 valuations, and Cleveland receives no increase in revenue from taxation over last year, the city's financial situation will be nothing short of appalling, Finance Director Thomas Coughlin asserted last night.

James B. Ruhl, Republican appointee of Gov. Frank B. Willis, qualified for his commissionership yesterday afternoon by filing bond of $5,000 with County Auditor John A. Zangerle, and was sworn in by Deputy Auditor R. H. Mitchell. He proceeded at once to Mr. Fackler's quarters. Twenty minutes later Mr. Fackler, donning his hat and overcoat and tucking a roll of private papers under his arm, stepped out of the office and out of official public life.

Mr. Ruhl planned to leave Cleveland on an early train this morning, in response to a wire from the state tax commission asking him to be in Columbus for a conference at 9 a. m. Charles P. Salen, Democratic Willis appointee, who succeeds Commissioner Agnew, remained in Columbus for this morning's conference. Mr. Agnew was still at his desk yesterday, and will continue there until Mr. Salen appears to claim the office.

Announce One Policy.

Mr. Ruhl and Mr. Salen last night announced what policy they will pursue in one direction. Both said they would not accept figures fixed by their predecessors without investigation of their own. Mr. Ruhl asserted he did not expect to accept offhand the figures tentatively established by Mr. Fackler showing a $50,000,000 increase over 1910 valuations on downtown land.

As it is the opinion of taxing officials the new commissioners will not have time to make a complete reappraisal, it was pointed out the only alternative would be to assess on the 1910 valuations.

This possibility was raised also in a letter addressed to the new officials by County Auditor Zangerle, who, however, urges a reappraisal downtown.

Mr. Zangerle wrote the incoming officials, recommending they make 1910 valuations the basis for 1915 realty assessments, except with respect to downtown real estate. That should be reappraised, he said.

The auditor expressed the opinion that values fixed by the tax commissioners in reappraising nine districts in the county last year were too high in relation to the parts of the county in which no reappraisement was made. Those valuations should be disregarded and valuations fixed equitably all over the county, he advised.

Mr. Fackler and Mr. Agnew had finished a preliminary reappraisal of a large portion of the county, exclusive of the city's East Side. They said they had anticipated getting an increase in realty valuations totaling approximately $200,000,000 on the duplicate.

"If that $200,000,000 were added to the duplicate—and I'm not saying that is the right amount, I'm taking the word of the commissioners for it—this is what it would mean to Cleveland," Finance Director Coughlin said last night.

"First, the city could issue next year, by authority of council and without the necessity of going to the people, $5,000,000 in bonds.

"Our operating revenue would be increased approximately $836,000, which would nearly wipe out our deficit.

"It would mean an addition to the sinking fund, for the payment of our debts, of nearly $500,000, and it is needed as badly there as in the operating revenue fund.

"It would mean to the schools an increase of $980,000 in the general operating fund, which would build at least ten schools—and would give the teachers an increase in pay.

"And besides, there would be an increase to the county of nearly $270,000, and the library board would receive nearly $88,000.

"If we don't get it, and the cost of government is the same next year as this year, our city deficit will be increased to between $1,500,000 and $1,750,000. It will mean we will receive no more money in 1915 than we did in 1914. We will go further in the hole. It would be appalling, terrific!"

The swearing in of Mr. Ruhl by Deputy Auditor Mitchell in the afternoon had a touch of sentiment in it. Ten years ago Mr. Mitchell was sworn in as a member of the bar by Mr. Ruhl, at that time a bar examiner.

When Mr. Ruhl, immediately after depositing his bond, appeared at the door of Mr. Fackler's office, the commissioner rose from his desk.

"Here we are!" he exclaimed, offering his hand to Mr. Ruhl. "Are you in?"

"I've just qualified," replied Mr. Ruhl.

"Welcome," said Mr. Fackler. He talked for a few moments with his successor, showed him the arrangement of the office, introduced him to one or two deputies, and picked up his hat and coat.

"Good luck," he said. "The office is yours."

Mr. Fackler commented but briefly on leaving the office.

"My experience as a taxation official has made me a single taxer," he said.

The day was one long whirl of politics for Mr. Ruhl. Republicans in large numbers called to proffer congratulations or to apply for jobs.

William G. Beck, P. A. McKenzie and Burt Atkinson were out for appointment as secretary of the commission to succeed Kline F. Leet, resigned. Retiring Commissioner Agnew said definitely yesterday afternoon he would not accept the secretaryship nor a minor position in the office as it is now operated. The possibility of his remaining depends on whether the new commissioner rearrange the office force in such a way as to make a place that he would be willing to consider.

Mr. Ruhl had no formal [illegible]

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OUTLINES POLICIES TODAY

New Board to Consider Revaluations and Appointments After Conference.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

Tax Commissioners James B. Ruhl and Charles P. Salen will plan the policy of their office under Governor Willis' administration as to revaluations and appointments after an interview at Columbus this morning with the state tax commission.

Ruhl, Republican member of the new tax board, formally took office at 3:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon, John D. Fackler, a Bull Moose appointed by former Governor Cox, automatically retiring. Salen accepted his appointment as the Democratic member of the board at Columbus yesterday. William Agnew, whose place Salen takes, will remain in office until Salen files his $5,000 bond and qualifies, probably tomorrow morning.

Await New Policy.

Politicians were chiefly interested yesterday in the political effect of Salen's appointment. Taxpayers were anxiously awaiting an indication of the new commission's policy as to valuations. The politicians thought they had solved their riddle: the taxpayers were still guessing as to the policy, which will not be settled until after this morning's session.

That Salen was immeasurably stronger politically than he had been was the consensus of political opinion. The new commissioner, when he was interviewed at Columbus, seemed to be extremely aggressive against the administration of Mayor Baker, which Peter Witt is expecting to defend on the stump.

"I haven't decided whether I will run against witt," Salen said.

A representative of an afternoon newspaper which is for Witt asked Salen a list of questions, of which one was the following:

Sees Deficit Anyway.

"Are you in favor of the plan of former Tax Commissioners Agnew and Fackler to appoint in Cuyahoga county 100 special agents to pry into the personal property of taxpayers with a view of increasing the duplicate $200,000,000 to meet city expenses?"

Salen's answer, which is here printed for the first time, was:

"In my opinion, if the city duplicate was raised to a billion dollars from the present amount of $500,000,000 and the tax raised from about one to three per cent, under policies at present administered there would still be a deficit.

"The only remedy would be the selection of a city administration that would honestly, and in a businesslike way, get a dollar's worth of value for every dollar spent."

Will Scan Valuations.

From private conversations of Ruhl and Salen, however, it was taken that the tentative valuations on real estate fixed by Fackler would be scrutinized carefully and would be altered if not believed legal. Ruhl was asked concerning the $50,000,000 increase Fackler has sought to place on downtown property.

"So far as that is concerned, the law plainly says that all taxable property shall be placed on the duplicate at its full and true value in money," Ruhl replied.

County Auditor Zangerle yesterday wrote the incoming commissioners criticizing their predecessors and urging changes in system. He said that in case the board decided to revalue Cleveland for 1915 buildings should be reappraised as well as land.

"Under the circumstances it is a serious question whether the city of Cleveland should be revalued during the present year," Zangerle said. He asked that building assessments be put on a uniform basis and said revaluations by the Cox board last year were out of harmony with the rest of the county and should be reduced.

May Change Staff.

While no statement was made, it is believed that changes will be made in the personnel of the office force. What they will be will not be settled until later. All places save the secretaryship are under civil service. A new applicant, Captain P. A. Mackenzie, appeared for the secretary's job yesterday. His name is being considered with those of William G. Beck and Bert Atkinson. The state civil service commission yesterday postponed the examination for eleven deputies in the office until April 15. Appointments will all be from civil service lists.

Ruhl yesterday went to the courthouse, filed his bond with Zangerle, was sworn in by Ralph Mitchell, a deputy auditor who had been examined for the bar by Ruhl, and took over the office from Fackler.

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MAY LIST REALTY FOR TAXATION ON 1910 VALUE BASIS

New Tax Commissioners Are Advised to Follow That Course in Letter From County Auditor.

Finance Director Sees Appalling Fiscal Situation if Cleveland Tax Revenues Don't Increase.

RUHL FURNISHES BOND AND ASSUMES OFFICE

Salen Confers With Governor and Delays Taking New Post.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Possibility of Cleveland real estate being assessed for taxation this year on the valuations fixed by the quadrennial appraisers in 1910 loomed yesterday, with the passing from office of Deputy State Tax Commissioners John D. Fackler and William Agnew.

If the complete 1915 assessment is based on 1910 valuations, and Cleveland receives no increase in revenue from taxation over last year, the city's financial situation will be nothing short of appalling, Finance Director Thomas Coughlin asserted last night.

James B. Ruhl, Republican appointee of Gov. Frank B. Willis, qualified for his commissionership yesterday afternoon by filing bond of $5,000 with County Auditor John A. Zangerle, and was sworn in by Deputy Auditor R. H. Mitchell. He proceeded at once to Mr. Fackler's quarters. Twenty minutes later Mr. Fackler, donning his hat and overcoat and tucking a roll of private papers under his arm, stepped out of the office and out of official public life.

Mr. Ruhl planned to leave Cleveland on an early train this morning, in response to a wire from the state tax commission asking him to be in Columbus for a conference at 9 a. m. Charles P. Salen, Democratic Willis appointee, who succeeds Commissioner Agnew, remained in Columbus for this morning's conference. Mr. Agnew was still at his desk yesterday, and will continue there until Mr. Salen appears to claim the office.

Announce One Policy.

Mr. Ruhl and Mr. Salen last night announced what policy they will pursue in one direction. Both said they would not accept figures fixed by their predecessors without investigation of their own. Mr. Ruhl asserted he did not expect to accept offhand the figures tentatively established by Mr. Fackler showing a $50,000,000 increase over 1910 valuations on downtown land.

As it is the opinion of taxing officials the new commissioners will not have time to make a complete reappraisal, it was pointed out the only alternative would be to assess on the 1910 valuations.

This possibility was raised also in a letter addressed to the new officials by County Auditor Zangerle, who, however, urges a reappraisal downtown.

Mr. Zangerle wrote the incoming officials, recommending they make 1910 valuations the basis for 1915 realty assessments, except with respect to downtown real estate. That should be reappraised, he said.

The auditor expressed the opinion that values fixed by the tax commissioners in reappraising nine districts in the county last year were too high in relation to the parts of the county in which no reappraisement was made. Those valuations should be disregarded and valuations fixed equitably all over the county, he advised.

Mr. Fackler and Mr. Agnew had finished a preliminary reappraisal of a large portion of the county, exclusive of the city's East Side. They said they had anticipated getting an increase in realty valuations totaling approximately $200,000,000 on the duplicate.

"If that $200,000,000 were added to the duplicate—and I'm not saying that is the right amount, I'm taking the word of the commissioners for it—this is what it would mean to Cleveland," Finance Director Coughlin said last night.

"First, the city could issue next year, by authority of council and without the necessity of going to the people, $5,000,000 in bonds.

"Our operating revenue would be increased approximately $836,000, which would nearly wipe out our deficit.

"It would mean an addition to the sinking fund, for the payment of our debts, of nearly $500,000, and it is needed as badly there as in the operating revenue fund.

"It would mean to the schools an increase of $980,000 in the general operating fund, which would build at least ten schools—and would give the teachers an increase in pay.

"And besides, there would be an increase to the county of nearly $270,000, and the library board would receive nearly $88,000.

"If we don't get it, and the cost of government is the same next year as this year, our city deficit will be increased to between $1,500,000 and $1,750,000. It will mean we will receive no more money in 1915 than we did in 1914. We will go further in the hole. It would be appalling, terrific!"

The swearing in of Mr. Ruhl by Deputy Auditor Mitchell in the afternoon had a touch of sentiment in it. Ten years ago Mr. Mitchell was sworn in as a member of the bar by Mr. Ruhl, at that time a bar examiner.

When Mr. Ruhl, immediately after depositing his bond, appeared at the door of Mr. Fackler's office, the commissioner rose from his desk.

"Here we are!" he exclaimed, offering his hand to Mr. Ruhl. "Are you in?"

"I've just qualified," replied Mr. Ruhl.

"Welcome," said Mr. Fackler. He talked for a few moments with his successor, showed him the arrangement of the office, introduced him to one or two deputies, and picked up his hat and coat.

"Good luck," he said. "The office is yours."

Mr. Fackler commented but briefly on leaving the office.

"My experience as a taxation official has made me a single taxer," he said.

The day was one long whirl of politics for Mr. Ruhl. Republicans in large numbers called to proffer congratulations or to apply for jobs.

William G. Beck, P. A. McKenzie and Burt Atkinson were out for appointment as secretary of the commission to succeed Kline F. Leet, resigned. Retiring Commissioner Agnew said definitely yesterday afternoon he would not accept the secretaryship nor a minor position in the office as it is now operated. The possibility of his remaining depends on whether the new commissioner rearrange the office force in such a way as to make a place that he would be willing to consider.

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Councilman Demands City's Purchase of Wornout Machines Be Explained.

Additional charges of mismanagement were lodged against Lighting Commissioner Ballard and Utilities Director Stage Friday when Councilman Dittrick demanded they and A. B. du Pont, formerly $1,000-a-month consulting expert, make public the transaction involving the purchase two years ago of two 500-kilowatt generators for the now closed Division ave. municipal lighting plant.

Other developments Friday, following the statement of C. S. Metcalf, state examiner, that lighting books have not been audited by the state since 1912, and the waterworks books not since 1909, and his repudiation of claims of lighting profits alleged to have been taken from an audit which he never made, were:

"Announcement of Councilman Townes that he will renew the fight in council Monday night for inauguration of a continuous audit as prescribed by the new charter, and ask that waterworks and lighting books be gone over first.

Determination of Republican councilmen to ask the state utilities commission to audit waterworks and lighting accounts immediately.

Insistence of reports Ballard is angling for the job of constructing the municipal lighting plant St. Louis is now considering.

"When Mayor Baker and Ballard deemed it necessary to open the Division plant, du Pont went to St. Louis and purchased the two generators, then worn out, for $20,000," Dittrick said Friday. "Engineers tell me new ones of the same capacity could have been purchased for $22,000. I understand several thousand dollars were spent in revamping them, and now, after less than two years' use, they are on the scrap heap at the old Woodland ave. workhouse yards.

"To an outsider it would seem the wise thing would have been to purchase new generators, since the city paid out more than new ones would have cost, and the machines now are worn out. In addition, manufacturing plans in the flats benefited almost solely from the opening of the plant."

Think Ballard Will Resign.

Townes said Friday he will demand in council Monday night that one reputable firm of accountants, and not three individuals as has been suggested, be hired with the $15,000 council has appropriated for the continuous audit.

That Ballard will resign and follow du Pont into the consulting engineering field as soon as he obtains an opening was given much credence at city hall Friday, in light of the fact he has received much opposition lately, especially from Stage's office. One concerte instance advanced is the fact Stage has refused to sanction salary raises granted by Ballard to his employees January 1. Ballard has spent a fourth of his time the past two months in St. Louis urging a municipal lighting plant, it was pointed out Friday, and will build the plant if one is decided upon.

Shows Plant Runs Behind.

State Examiner Metcalf said Friday Joseph T. Tracy, chief examiner under State Auditor Donahey, figured low when he estimated the alleged 1914 profit of $30,000 would be offset by one charge—"lost taxes." The Illuminating company this year paid $360,000 in taxes on a valuation of $18,000,000, according to Metcalf. The municipal plant, in comparison, is one-sixth as big, making its lost taxes approximately $60,000, showing that on the same basis as its competitor the city plant is running far behind.

Dittrick warned Friday that unless better management is introduced, Cleveland's plant will fall as far behind as Seattle's. In 1904 Seattle voted $590,000 bonds for a hydro-electric station. Today the plant owes the city's general fund $530,000, and is seeking $500,000 from taxpayers to make extensions for the plant, no earnings being available for this purpose, with the plant doomed to extinction unless more business is procured.

SALEN THROWS REAL FEAR INTO HEARTS OF DEMS

Organization Democrats Friday tried to treat lightly the almost positive announcement of Charles P. Salen, lieutenant of Tom Johnson, and former county clerk, that he will be a candidate for mayor on the Democratic ticket. Salen was sworn in Friday in Columbus as deputy tax commissioner succeeding William Agnew. Attorney James B. Ruhl was sworn in late Thursday and took charge in place of John D. Fackler.

Close personal friends of Salen declare the former county clerk will announce his candidacy when he reaches Cleveland late Friday and that he at once will begin a campaign against the present city administration in which he will show how millions of dollars have been squandered.

Democratic leaders Friday declared they didn't think Salen has a chance to beat Tractioner Witt but admitted he can make a campaign that will cut so heavily into the Witt vote that, with a Republican candidate upon whom all factions of the party will unite, a Republican victory is almost certain.

Nearly every Democrat who would discuss the Salen possibilities Friday reminded himself that "Charlie is a great organizer" and that the "party would be a great deal better off with Salen not actively opposed to the regular candidate."

In the mayoralty primary in 1911 Salen got 3,807 votes and Baker 17,118. At that time the Democratic organization, built up by the late Mayor Johnson, was almost intact. Now the organization is torn to pieces.

RAILROAD AND CITY HEADS TALK TRADE OF LAND

Closed Meeting Names Committee to Go Over New Depot and Trackage Plans.

Behind locked doors city officials Friday discussed with D. C. Moon, general manager of the New York Central lines, the plans of Mayor Baker to turn over to the New York Central and the Pennsylvania railroads the old Bath st. property recovered by the city in a twenty-three-year fight with the same companies, in exchange for riparian rights to property held by the railroads east of E. 9th st.

The star chamber meeting was held in the office of General Manager Moon in the New York Central building, W. 3d st. and St. Clair ave. Service Director Sidlo, Law Director Stockwell and City Engineer Hoffmann represented Baker as a committee to work out a plan to effect the exchange of property, looking toward the building of a new union station.

Will Go Over Track Plans.

The net results of the first meeting was the appointment of a subcommittee, City Engineer Hoffmann and Pennsylvania and New York Central lines engineers, who will go over plans for the new union depot and necessary track layouts and indicate the land needed for track purposes between E. 26th st. and the Cuyahoga river.

This committee will report back to the main committee in two weeks. Legal questions involved will be determined by Stockwell and railroad counsel.

"This is just a meeting to organize and determine what the city needs and what the railroads need," Sidlo said before going into the secret meeting.

"We don't know what the city needs, nor what the railroads need," Moon said.

No one was admitted to the meeting excepting the three city officials and Moon and his representatives.

Talk Proposed Trade.

Friday's meeting followed a conference held last week between Baker and other city officials with A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central. Baker proposed the exchange of the Bath st. property with the railroads for a parcel of water front land near E. 9th st. after the railroad officials told him nothing would be done toward building a union station until the question of ownership of the water front lands has been settled for all time.

The Bath st. property is located just west of the Cuyahoga river. It has been used for years by the railroads. The city valued it at millions.

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CITY OFFICERS KICK ON TAX LIMIT BILL

Tell Senator Mooney They Consider Garver Measure Injustice to Cities.

Coroner's Brother Would be Councilman of Fifteenth Ward.

Senator Charles A. Mooney yesterday discussed taxation measures before the Ohio senate with Mayor Newton D. Baker, City Law Director John N. Stockwell, jr., and Finance Director Thomas Coughlin.

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City administration officers said they saw injustice in the provisions of the Garver bill.

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County Clerk E. B. Haserodt yesterday described the examination as a farce.

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John T. Byrne, brother of Coroner P. J. Byrne, has announced his intention of running for councilman in the Fifteenth ward at the fall election. Mr. Byrne is a member of the Fifteenth Ward Democratic club which earlier in the week indorsed the renomination of William F. Thompson, president of city council.

Mr. Byrne was a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the Fifteenth ward in 1903, in Tom L. Johnson's second term. It was Mr Thompson who defeated him on that occasion.

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Both commissioners said Fackler's figures would be ignored because they believed them to be far to high. The yalso announced that no new appraisal of downtown real estate would be made unless it was decided at the same time to make new appraisal throughout the city.

William Agnew, ousted commissioner, will be retained by the new commissioners as tax expert, if the state tax commission approves, Ruhl and Salen announced.

In announcing that the downtown property would not be revalued unless the whole city was included, the new commissioners took a slap at County Auditor Zangerle. Friday he sent a communication to them suggesting that only the downtown property ve revalued.

The commissioners announced they had not selected a secretary and would make none until the civil service commission has ruled whether the secretary comes under civil service rules. They expressed a preference, though, for William Bolton.

Twice as large a force of assessors as employed by the ousted commissioners will be asked.

Commissioner Salen filed his bond early Saturday and the oath of office was administered by Deputy County Auditor Charles Carran.

A call for all the assessors to meet next Thursday with the new commissioners and receive instructions for future work was issued Saturday.

Press

SEES TAX BILL FAIL

Mayor Baker predicted Saturday defeat of the Garver taxation bill.

"There isn't a city in the state that wouldn't be ruined by such a law," Baker said.

He'll ask Cuyahoga-co legislators to help kill it.

The measure would rewrite original limitations, later amended out, into the Smith 1 per cent tax law.

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Salen and Ruhl Receive Long Line of Seekers of Jobs.

AGNEW PAYS EARLY CALL

Former Official Discusses Place With Successors on County Board.

Cuyahoga-co's new taxers got on the job Saturday.

It was just 9:25 a. m. when James B. Ruhl and Charley Salen, Gov. Willis' appointees, strolled into the offices vacated by William Agnew and John D. Fackler, ousted taxers.

Salen lighted the way with a remarkably red tie. Both wore wide smiles.

"Well, Jimmy, which chair'll you have?" asked Salen.

"I'll pick Billy Agnew's," came back Ruhl.

"That leaves me Fackler's seat—or what was his seat," concluded Salen.

Salen was the first to open a letter. Ruhl drew the first personal telephone call.

One of the first things handed Salen was a check for $54 for 1907 court costs, due Salen because the county clerk then worked under the fee system.

And Salen Smiles.

"Sport" Monahan, collector of court costs, proffered the check, and Salen took it with a smile.

Ruhl discovered the civil service eligible lists won't cover all the jobs for deputy assessors, so there can be some personal appointments.

Salen scored the first official act by delving into a pair of law books and then phoning the state civil service commission at Columbus to find out whether the board's new secretary must be appointed from civil service lists.

If there is no civil service eligible list, William M. Bolton, high school of commerce faculty member and close friend of Willis, is slated to draw the $2400 secretaryship, Salen and Ruhl announced.

The Easter parade of low-voiced job seekers began at 9:30 a. m.

Mysteries Explained.

"Hello, Charley! Remember that job you promised me on the police force 20 years ago? Well, I'm still waiting," was the breezy greeting one visitor gave Salen.

The mysteries of keys, records and procedure were orated at length by Cass Hatch and Maurice Neu, office pillars.

Among the "boys" who dropped in during the morning were Billy Mylecraine, formerly in the county road repair department; Herman Zapp, formerly bailiff for Judge Chapman; and Al Bender, formerly in the county clerk's office under Salen. Most all the visitors were "formerlies."

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Aroused at Councilman Dittrick's statement that he and A. B. du Pont, formerly $1,000-a-month consulting engineer, erred when, instead of buying two new 500-kilowatt generators for the Division ave. plant for $22,000, they bought two second-hand machines for $20,000 and spent several thousand dollars repairing them, Ballard Saturday said he planned t[o] the machines Wednesday. The[y] stored at the Woodland ave. w[ork]house, almost unfit for further after two years in the city's servi[ce].

Republican councilmen claimed Saturday they were more certain than ever that supposed profits of the municipal lighting department will shrink considerably in the light of thorough state audit. They recall the bitter court fight Ballard, May[or] Baker and Law Director Stocky[well] made to keep J. N. Patton, Cleve[land] accountant, from making an aud[it].

April 3.

FACKLER'S BIG TAX BOOST TO BE THROWN OUT

Announcement that the $50,000,000 downtown tax appraisal made by John D. Fackler, late tax commissioner, would be thrown out was made Saturday by the new tax commissioners, James B. Ruhl and Charles P. Salen, a few minutes after they assumed active charge of the department.

Both commissioners said Fackler's figures would be ignored because they believed them to be far to high. The yalso announced that no new appraisal of downtown real estate would be made unless it was decided at the same time to make new appraisal throughout the city.

William Agnew, ousted commissioner, will be retained by the new commissioners as tax expert, if the state tax commission approves, Ruhl and Salen announced.

In announcing that the downtown property would not be revalued unless the whole city was included, the new commissioners took a slap at County Auditor Zangerle. Friday he sent a communication to them suggesting that only the downtown property ve revalued.

The commissioners announced they had not selected a secretary and would make none until the civil service commission has ruled whether the secretary comes under civil service rules. They expressed a preference, though, for William Bolton.

Twice as large a force of assessors as employed by the ousted commissioners will be asked.

Commissioner Salen filed his bond early Saturday and the oath of office was administered by Deputy County Auditor Charles Carran.

A call for all the assessors to meet next Thursday with the new commissioners and receive instructions for future work was issued Saturday.

Press

SEES TAX BILL FAIL

Mayor Baker predicted Saturday defeat of the Garver taxation bill.

"There isn't a city in the state that wouldn't be ruined by such a law," Baker said.

He'll ask Cuyahoga-co legislators to help kill it.

The measure would rewrite original limitations, later amended out, into the Smith 1 per cent tax law.

The Garver bill provides that in no year can the aggregate amount of money raised by taxes for general purposes exceed that raised in 1913.

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Sat. April 3.

NEW TAXERS, IN SMILES, STROLL TO JOB AT 9:25

Salen and Ruhl Receive Long Line of Seekers of Jobs.

AGNEW PAYS EARLY CALL

Former Official Discusses Place With Successors on County Board.

Cuyahoga-co's new taxers got on the job Saturday.

It was just 9:25 a. m. when James B. Ruhl and Charley Salen, Gov. Willis' appointees, strolled into the offices vacated by William Agnew and John D. Fackler, ousted taxers.

Salen lighted the way with a remarkably red tie. Both wore wide smiles.

"Well, Jimmy, which chair'll you have?" asked Salen.

"I'll pick Billy Agnew's," came back Ruhl.

"That leaves me Fackler's seat—or what was his seat," concluded Salen.

Salen was the first to open a letter. Ruhl drew the first personal telephone call.

One of the first things handed Salen was a check for $54 for 1907 court costs, due Salen because the county clerk then worked under the fee system.

And Salen Smiles.

"Sport" Monahan, collector of court costs, proffered the check, and Salen took it with a smile.

Ruhl discovered the civil service eligible lists won't cover all the jobs for deputy assessors, so there can be some personal appointments.

Salen scored the first official act by delving into a pair of law books and then phoning the state civil service commission at Columbus to find out whether the board's new secretary must be appointed from civil service lists.

If there is no civil service eligible list, William M. Bolton, high school of commerce faculty member and close friend of Willis, is slated to draw the $2400 secretaryship, Salen and Ruhl announced.

The Easter parade of low-voiced job seekers began at 9:30 a. m.

Mysteries Explained.

"Hello, Charley! Remember that job you promised me on the police force 20 years ago? Well, I'm still waiting," was the breezy greeting one visitor gave Salen.

The mysteries of keys, records and procedure were orated at length by Cass Hatch and Maurice Neu, office pillars.

Among the "boys" who dropped in during the morning were Billy Mylecraine, formerly in the county road repair department; Herman Zapp, formerly bailiff for Judge Chapman; and Al Bender, formerly in the county clerk's office under Salen. Most all the visitors were "formerlies."

Former Taxer Agnew dropped in to talk over the offer made by Salen and Ruhl that he take the job of "tax expert" at $3500 a year, under the new board.

Leader

Sunday April 4.

NEW TAXERS TO REJECT RAISE ON BUSINESS SITES

Safe, Sane Policy to Be Pursued, They Say, in Announcing Discard of $50,000,000 Appraisal.

RUHL AND SALEN TAKE OATH AND ASSUME JOBS

Deputy Commissioners to Be Given Instructions for New Regime at Meeting Thursday.

Assurance to business that a "safe, sane and sensible policy" would be pursued in taxation matters and that the $50,000,000 downtown tax appraisal by former Deputy Tax Commissioners Fackler and Agnew would not be accepted, was made yesterday by James B. Ruhl and Charles P. Salen.

Salen was sworn in yesterday noon by Deputy County Auditor Carran and took the office formerly occupied by Fackler. Ruhl took that formerly occupied by Agnew.

The post of secretary to the deputy commissioners may be under civil service, Ruhl said yesterday. He and Salen have reported the vacancy to the civil service commission and have asked for a ruling. Should it be that the place is not under civil service, or should the commission have no eligible list, a provisional appointment will be made.

Bolton Is Favored.

The most available man for the job, in the opinion of Ruhl and Salen, is William M. Bolton.

"The work done by Fackler and Agnew, looking toward reappraisal of real estate in Cleveland, is of value," said Ruhl. "Mr. Salen and myself are of the opinion that their figures on downtown property are away too high, but money expended in preparing this data has not been wasted. It will be of use by way of information to us, but we do not feel bound, in any way, by those estimates."

Both Ruhl and Salen were besieged by position seekers yesterday. All deputy assessorships are under civil service, Ruhl said, except where provisional appointments are authorized.

Appointments of the deputy assessors made last year still are good, he said. Some thirty-five of the forty assessors in the Cleveland subdistrict and about fifteen of the outlying assessors are available. Because of the short time remaining before work is begun, the total of deputies will have to be increased. There practically will be no vacancies in the Cleveland district.

A meeting of the deputies with the commissioners has been called for Thursday, at which time the former will receive instructions.

Revaluation of real property will be taken up by the commissioners at a meeting with the state tax body early in the week. Taxation of gas and oil wells also will be considered. Tax experts from other counties will attend.

The Rockefeller tax matter probably will be discussed. The new commissioners say they have no disposition to interfere with the injunction suit, brought to enjoin collection of taxes on the Forest Hill estate, even if they could do so. At Columbus yesterday, Secretary Jones, of the state tax commission, said the Rockefeller suit was entirely in the hands of the county prosecutor.

It practically is decided that William Agnew, former commissioner, will be named as a tax expert and will accept, if the salary suits.

MAYOR TURNS AUTHOR; PENS FILM PROLOGUE

Mayor Baker turned author yesterday and wrote a prologue for the motion picture, "Lay Down Your Arms," to be shown at the Alhambra theater Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It is the first time the mayor has indorsed a film.

"The marching armies leave behind them a trail of desolation and death," Baker wrote. "The sure foundation for human happiness is justice and good will and the greatest national asset is a love of peace on the part of its people. Peace gives play to virtue. War engenders hatred, destruction and crime."

The film will be shown under the auspices of the Cleveland branch of the National Peace and the Woman's Peace Parties.

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'WE NEED AGNEW,' TAX MEN DECLARE

New Officials Admit Necessity of Experienced Hand in Work to be Done.

Former Cuyahoga Officer Thought Likely to Accept Post.

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William Agnew will decide Tuesday or Wednesday, when the state tax commissioners from Columbus will be in Cleveland, whether he will accept a $3,500 position as adviser to Deputy State Tax Commissioners James B. Ruhl and Charles P. Salen.

The post has been offered him by the new officials, who wish to have the services of an aid with taxation experience. Entering the office without working knowledge of its operations, the two commissioners, whose salaries are $4,800, expect to rely on the judgment of one of their predecessors, whose salary in the new position will be $3,500 if it can be arranged.

It probably can, for the need of the new commission, for some one with taxing experience to whom to look for guidance has been laid before Gov. Frank B. Willis himself, and reports yesterday were he had given personal approval of the plan.

Advocacy of the creation of such a place for Mr. Agnew emanated largely from Mr. Ruhl, who had expected to serve as commissioner with Mr. Agnew as his colleague. As soon as he learned that his fellow commissioner was to be an appointee who as well as himself would be a beginner in the taxing office, Mr. Ruhl began efforts to have Mr. Agnew retained. He was further prompted by motives of personal friendship for Mr. Agnew.

It is probable, if the state tax commissioners agree to the arrangement, that Mr. Agnew will accept the post.

The new commissioners in statements yesterday indicated some of the policies they will follow. They spoke jointly of the future work of the office after Mr. Salen had been sworn in by First Deputy Auditor Charles Carran to succeed Mr. Agnew.

There will be no changes in the personnel of the office force save under civil service rules. Some question was raised yesterday as to whether the secretaryship might not be under civil service. It was thought to be an open appointment. The new commissioners wrote the state civil service authorities for an opinion on the question and will wait for a reply before naming their secretary.

If the job is an open appointment it will go to William M. Bolton, one of the original Willis group of Cuyahoga county. The selection will be another instance of reward for activity in the Willis pre-primary campaign and another demonstration of the fact that the Willis men are to be taken care of before any attention is paid to the Republican county organization with respect to patronage.

Personal property assessors who worked last year are still in the service and will be called together next Thursday. The new commissioners have only fifty-four days in which to assess personal property, instead of ninety days as last year. It is not unlikely that they will ask the state commissioners to allow them, in cases where there are no civil service lists, to make provisional appointments to tide them over the start of the busy season.

The downtown section, land of which was valued by ex-Commissioner John D. Fackler at an increase of $50,000,000 over 1910, will not be revalued unless there is a general reappraisal. The $50,000,000 increases will not go on the duplicate, it appeared yesterday.

The new officials will keep hands off the John D. Rockefeller situation. County Prosecutor Cyrus Locher called on Mr. Ruhl and Mr. Salen yesterday to point out to them that the Rockefeller affair was pending in the courts, and said it had passed beyond their control. The commissioners agreed in Mr. Locher's opinion.

Commissioners Ruhl and Salen will consider with the state commissioners whether they shall attempt a general reappraisal or adopt one of the alternatives, which would be to assess on 1910 valuations, increase 1910 figures by a certain per cent. and assess on the values thus obtained, or assess on the 1910 figures amended just enough to cover locations in which there have been notable changes in values.

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Harry L. Davis plans to open mayoralty campaign headquarters this week if he can find a satisfactory place.

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Mr. Davis said yesterday he hoped to be ready to announce a headquarters address Wednesday or Thursday.

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Mayor Newton D. Baker, Miss Jane Addams of Hull house, Chicago, and President Charles F. Thwing of Western Reserve university are some of the many peace advocates in this country who have endorsed the film drama "Lay Down Your Arms," which will be exhibited at the Alhambra theater, Euclid-av and E. 105th-st, next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The film, taken from the late Baroness Bertha Von Suttner's novel of the same name, is a thrilling indictment of modern warfare. Although written over a score of years ago, it draws a pen picture of the conflict now raging in Europe.

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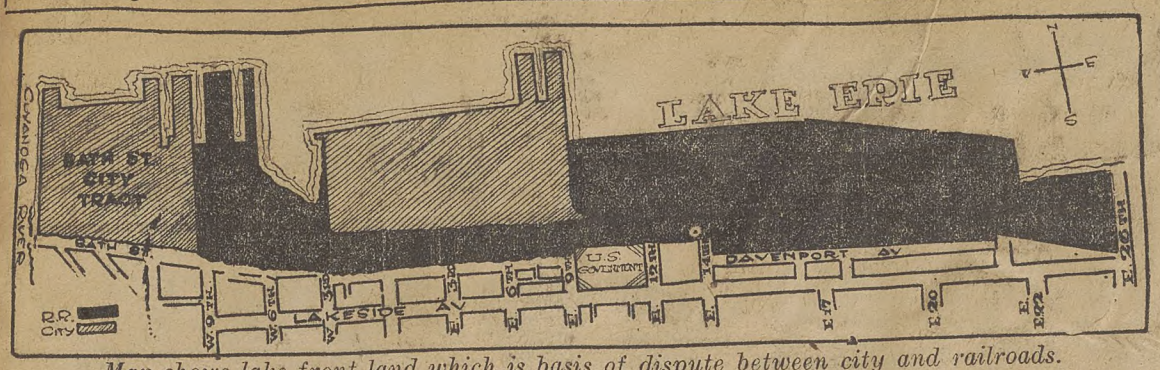
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Map shows lake front land which is basis of dispute between city and railroads.

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Mayor Baker has suggested the city might trade title to part of its Bath-st tract, now owned by the city but utilized by the railroads, in return for railroad lakefront strips east of E. Ninth-st, where the city has no lakefront land or riparian rights.

Meanwhile, here's how matters stand:

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West of E. Ninth-st land ownership along the shore is divided.

First comes the 53-acre tract of made land owned undisputably by the city. Back of it, however, is a strip owned by the railroads.

West of the city's made-land tract, approximately from W. Third-st to W. Ninth-st, is an irregular trace of made-land held by the railroads. It reaches back to the south line of the railroads' right of way.

Then comes the city's Bath-st tract, recently acquired in fee simple by a United States supreme court decision, extending approximately from W. Ninth-st to the Cuyahoga river and comprising, 44 acres. On the south line of this tract is old Bath-st, now Front-st. Railroads, during the 23 years litigation over ownership to the made-land in the tract, have built piers, yards and terminals on the land.

What these trades may be is the crux of the harbor and lakefront proposition. It is on them the joint committee will report.

Railroad officials told Baker they were unwilling to promise definite plans for a new union station unless they were assurred of title to certain land west of E. Ninth-st.

They made clear also they're unwilling to spend money on a station for Cleveland unless the legislature grants the asked-for raise in passenger rates now pending in the legislature.

Baker told railroad men the city would willingly part with title to part of the 44-acre Bath-st tract, including Bath-st itself, but only on condition railroads would loosen their grasp on land east of E. Ninth-st so as to give the city partial control, at least, of harbor rights there.

State laws say the city can't vacate Bath-st and turn it over to the railroads.

No trade involving the city's 53-acre made land tract just west of E. Ninth-st will be considered, Baker said Monday.

It's here the city wants railroads to build the new union station.

"Railroads have practically promised to buy 35 acres of this tract from the city for $1,400,000. We'll offer no trade to affect that proposition," Baker said Monday.

SALEN SEEKS TO LEGALIZE FEES

Backs Myers Bill Governing Naturalization Work.

Charley Salen, in the rush of getting appointed tax commissioner, found time last Thursday to go before a senate committee in Columbus and plead for the Myers bill, which would kill the county's suit against Charles S. Horner, former clerk, for $6000 naturalization fees, it became known Monday.

Senator Hopple, member of the committee which Friday reported out the bill for passage over his vote, feared Monday the bill would pass the senate.

"If it does, it means the end of our suit," said Prosecutor Locher Monday.

As reported out, the bill turns over to county clerks all naturalization fees collected in the future, as well as giving clerks who have collected them the right to retain them, Hopple says.

Horner Answers Suit.

Horner has filed answer to the county's suit, claiming that he used the money to hire deputies.

Fees are collected for naturalization under a federal law. But Locher says a recent decision of federal court has provided that these fees are to go into the county treasuries.

This decision, Locher says, brings the naturalization fees under the provisions of the salary law passed in 1907 and would preclude their use by clerks.

Salen said Monday that he had gone before the committee because he wanted the question settled with regard to fees collected by himself when county clerk. Salen spent these fees, he told the committee, for deputy hire and to establish the naturalization schools which flourished under his term.

Deny Keeping Fees.

Both he and Horner state they personally got none of the funds.

The matter of these fees was an issue when E. B. Haserodt defeated Horner for clerk, and Haserodt was on hand with Mayo Fesler of the civic league, to argue against the bill Thursday.

Haserodt stated that while he would like the extra money, yet he believed in the new salary law, and he pleaded that the committee kill the bill.

Salen pointed out that as the salary law now stands, clerks are paid according to population. For example, the Hamilton-co clerk gets a high salary and has little naturalization work to do. On the other hand, Mahoning-co clerk gets a low salary, and has lots of this work, because of the large foreign population. Mahoning and other counties were represented at Thursday's hearing.

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ASKS CITY TO TAKE STREETS ERIE USES

Attorney Would Oust Railroad From Highways Leading to Old River Bed.

Council President Wants to Revoke B. & O. System's Rights.

Anti-railroad litigation and legislation were in the making yesterday at the city hall.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell was asked late yesterday to begin action that will enable the city to take possession of West Side streets leading to the old river bed, that are now occupied by the Erie Railroad Co. The Erie has shut off access to the old river bed by means of a high fence.

It is also declared the Erie is occupying a larger part of old River-st than it is entitled to occupy by ordinance.

President W. F. Thompson of the city council last night introduced an ordinance revoking the B. & O. Railroad Co.'s right to cross Harvard-av and Broadway S. E. with a single track. This right was granted the Valley railroad in 1883.

Opposition to features of the pending franchise granting O. C. Barber the right to construct a subway in E. 55th-st from the lake front to Morgan run are expected to develop at a council committee meeting of the whole called for this afternoon in the city council chamber.

City Law Director Stockwell was asked by Attorney Theodore L. Strimple, representing W. J. Hart and other property owners, to bring suit to prevent the Erie Railroad Co. from occupying the ends of W. 26th-st, W. 28th-st, W. 29th-st, W. 30th-st, W. 32d-st and Mulberry-av N. W. It is claimed the company's rights to occupy these streets expired a number of years ago. The law director notified Attorney Strimple that he is investigating the matter.

Answering questions regarding the city deficit put by Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, Mayor Baker placed the responsibility for existing conditions on the legislature at Columbus and declared the situation in Cleveland will grow worse unless the legislature comes to the relief of Ohio cities.

A resolution authorizing the director of finance to borrow $900,000 on short term notes to meet the pay roll and operating deficit of the city until Sept. 1 was offered.

Councilman FitzGerald questioned the mayor regarding recent tax collections and the mayor stated that collections are about $340,000 short of the anticipated amount. Because of this situation the city may be compelled to borrow nearly $1,500,000 in 1915 instead of $1,055,000 as anticipated.

The $900,000 notes will bear interest at 4 per cent. The resolution authorizing the issue was adopted 18 to 6.

Mayor Baker announced last evening he is taking part in a movement for a referendum election on the Garver bill if the measure is passed. This bill contains tax limitations and restrictions that were included in the original Smith bill.

An ordinance creating a city plan commission to consist of the six directors of city departments and five outside members was passed. The commission will soon be named by the mayor.

Council approved amendments to the ordinance authorizing the fire department to sue citizens whose carelessness causes fire. The amendments give citizens receiving notices the right to appeal to a board. Another change requires that funds derived by the fire department through lawsuits be placed in the general city fund instead of in the pension fund.

Councilman Robert Foster introduced an ordinance giving the service commission authority to examine and license plumbers

DENIES PROMISING AID TO G. O. P. HERE

Salen Says He Didn't Tell Willis He'd Seek Cleveland Mayorship.

William M. Bolton Is Named Secretary to Tax Commission.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Charles P. Salen, deputy state tax commissioner, last night denied reports reaching the city that he had told Gov. Frank B. Willis definitely he would run for mayor of Cleveland this fall in an effort to divide the Democratic strength.

"I never discussed it with the governor," asserted the commissioner. "I don't know that he is particularly interested in the mayoralty situation here."

Mr. Salen says he does not expect to turn his attention to the question of becoming a candidate for mayor for some weeks to come.

Commissioners Salen and James B. Ruhl yesterday named William M. Bolton, teacher in the High School of Commerce, Republican, as tax commission secretary. The appointment is provisional. A telegram received by the commissioners from S. A. Hoskins, president of the state civil service commission, said there was no eligible list for the position of secretary, but that civil service authorities would approve a provisional appointment. The telegram indicated the secretaryship is under civil service.

Mr. Bolton is considered by taxing officials well qualified for the post. He has had building experience which they believe will be of value to him in his new job. Mr. Bolton was active in the Willis preprimary campaign last summer. He is a personal friend of Ralph D. Cole of Findlay and was in the first Cleveland troop that participated in the Spanish-American war.

Neither Mr. Ruhl nor Mr. Salen yesterday had changed their views as to the advisability of retaining William Agnew, supplanted Democratic commissioner, as advisory expert in the tax office, despite objections of Republicans who will propose formal protest at a special meeting of the League of Republican Clubs tonight in the Engineers building.

"A salary paid Mr. Agnew for services in this capacity would be an excellent investment for the county," said Mr. Salen.

President John Braschwitz of the League of Republican Clubs asserted he didn't believe it right for the commissioners to keep Mr. Agnew as an expert when there were Republicans of taxation experience available for the place.

The tax commissioners are to meet with members of the state tax commission and district assessors from other counties in the new court house at 1 p. m. today. At the conference the subject of assessing oil and gas property for 1915 will be considered. Chairman A. B. Peckinpaugh of the state commission in a letter asked the commissioners to be ready to inform state officials what number of additional assessors and office employs would be required to complete this year's appraisal.

Mr. Ruhl and Mr. Salen yesterday discussed tentatively the question of redistricting the county for the appraisal. Mr. Salen asked the advice of County Auditor John A. Zangerle regarding the recording of real estate transfers on the duplicate. There are 30,000 transfers, made in the past fourteen months, to go on the duplicate. Under the Warnes law, county auditors were to handle the work the first year of the law's operation, the task falling on the shoulders of the tax commissioners after that time. Mr. Zangerle said yesterday he would write the state commission, asking permission to have the auditor's men assist the tax office in placing the transfers on the duplicate.

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Developments in mayoralty politics yesterday included announcements of the start of active campaign preliminaries by two candidates.

Harry L. Davis will establish headquarters in the Schofield building for this year's fight. The new quarters will be opened about April 15, and Russell V. Johnson, secretary of the Republican county executive committee, will be in charge. Mr. Davis expects to begin active campaigning about May 1, he said yesterday.

Miner G. Norton Thursday night will begin to call in ward workers and in augurate definite ward organization efforts. The wards will be summoned one at a time, beginning with Ward 1, the workers of which will meet with Mr. Norton Thursday evening in the Beckman block, 409 Superior-av N. W.

Talk of the W. L. David mayoralty possibility revived yesterday with an announcement that Mr. David would speak at an open meeting of the Fifth Ward Republican club Sunday at 2818 W. 25th-st.

East Side business men are urging A. A. Comey, manager of the Duchess theater, to run for council in Ward 20. Mr. Comey, who is a Republican, lives at 10543 Euclid-av. He had a conspicuous hand in pushing the "Heart of Cleveland" business carnival some time ago.

WANTS BONDS TO EXTEND CITY LIGHT

Commissioner Ballard Proposes Issue Secured on Plant and Revenues.

Suggests Security Franchise be Modeled After Tayler Grant.

To enable the municipal lighting department to push improvements and extensions, the city's next move may be the issuance of mortgage bonds secured upon the E. 53d-st lighting plant, its revenue and upon a security grant that will enable bond buyers to take over and operate the property in the event of a foreclosure.

Lighting Commissioner F. W. Ballard announced yesterday that he was in entire accord with such a step, and proposed that if a security grant is passed, the franchise be modeled after the Tayler grant, with a provision limiting the earnings of the holders of the property to 6 per cent. and no more.

"We might even offer these bonds to the Illuminating company," he said. "I wouldn't be afraid. There would be no danger of the city's defaulting. The plant is on a paying basis and could easily take care of the interest on the bonds. I believe that the plan of issuing mortgage bonds is better than the present scheme. It places the plant on an equal footing with other large business enterprises. It should take care of its own bonds."

"Such a plan as that suggested by Mr. Ballard might do," said Mayor Baker yesterday, in referring to the 6 per cent. security grant proposed by the lighting commissioner. "I have not proposed mortgage bonds because I do not favor the passage of a grant which would permit the bondholders to charge 8 or 10 cents or some other rate as high as that which private companies charge. A grant limiting the earnings of the company to 6 per cent. might solve the problem."

Chairman A. J. Damm of the council committee on finance said yesterday he was in favor of giving the plan a trial and the same position was taken by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin. The lighting department has just disposed of $500,000 worth of bonds, but a $200,000 issue taken conditionally by an eastern concern has not been accepted. The department had planned to use $125,000 of the $200,000 in the establishment of a downtown lighting system.

The issuance of mortgage bonds in the purchase or extension of a public utility is authorized by the home rule amendment to the constitution. The city has never issued bonds of

G. O. P. LEAGUE TO PROTEST TAX BOARD'S AIDES

Clubs Claim Bolton, Chosen Secretary, is Not a Republican, and Agnew Is Not Qualified as an Expert.

WIRE TO BE SENT TO WILLIS, LETTER TO RUHL AND SALEN

Meeting Called for Tonight—Vigorous Action Expected to Be Taken.

Opposition to the appointment of William P. Bolton as secretary to the county tax commissioners developed yesterday on the heels of Bolton taking office.

The League of Republican Clubs, through its secretary, W. C. Mangan, announced that at its meeting called for tonight it would add to its protest against the selection of former Commissioner William Agnew as tax expert for the board, a resolution expressing vigorous disapproval of Bolton's appointment.

Notices for the meeting of the league to be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the rooms of the Cleveland Law School in the Engineers building were sent out yesterday.

Will Protest to Willis.

According to Mangan, resolutions of protest will be telegraphed to Governor Willis and a vigorous letter will be sent to Tax Commissioners Ruhl and Salen.

Bolton was appointed secretary of the tax board yesterday, after Ruhl and Salen were informed by the state civil service commission that there was no civil service list for the position. Bolton was an instructor at Commercial High school.

"The organization takes the attitude that Bolton is not a Republican and is not entitled to the appointment, and that Agnew is not a tax expert," Mangan said last night. "We are not going to stand still and let these appointments go through without protesting, and protesting vigorously."

About 250 men, representing fifty-two organizations, are expected to attend the meeting tonight.

Against Revaluation.

At a conference this afternoon between Ruhl and Salen and State Commissioners McGiffert and Peckinpaugh, it is expected a decision to abandon any attempt to complete revaluation of Cleveland land and buildings for 1915 will be reached. Both Ruhl and Salen indicated yesterday they believed revaluation of both land and buildings will be impossible this year year.

If such a decision is reached it will mean that the tentative $50,000,000 increase in downtown valuations arrived at by former commissioners Fackler and Agnew will not be placed on the duplicate this year.

Tax commissioners from three adjoining counties will meet today with Ruhl and Salen to discuss a definite policy regarding the valuation of gas and oil well properties.

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COUNCIL VOTES $900,000 LOAN FOR CITY BILLS

Provides Note Issue to Supply Emergency Fund for Current Municipal Expenses Until September.

An emergency loan of $900,000 to meet payrolls and other operating expenses of the city to September 1 was authorized by the city council last night. At least half a million dollars more will have to be borrowed before the end of the year.

Republican members of the council voted against the borrowing policy. Mayor Baker explained to the council that little financial relief was in sight.

Baker Blames Auditor.

Baked blamed the county auditor for overestimating tax receipts at the time that the annual appropriation ordinance was passed.

Ninety notes of $10,000 each will be issued for the borrowed money. They will bear 4 per cent interest and will run for six months. The securities will be sold to the highest bidder, according to Director of Finance Coughlin. Six per cent interest was paid on a $765,000 loan made last year.

The Garver bill, pending before the General Assembly, seeks to restore the interior limitations of the Smith tax law. It also limits the amount to be collected in taxes to the sum raised in 1913. Baker, in announcing referendum plans, said that the bill was an impossible one and would cripple every Ohio municipality.

Adverse reports were made by the committees on finance and parks on the proposal to pay W. A. Stinchcomb, county engineer, $700 additional fees for preparing Edgewater park bathhouse plans.

Mayor Baker had told councilmen that it is "a moral obligation." On motion of Councilman Koch the resolution authorizing the payment was referred back to the committees.

Revokes B. & O. Permit.

An ordinance adding directors of city departments to the city plan commission was passed without discussion. Councilman Moylan prepared a resolution calling upon the department of public safety and municipal judges to take steps towards establishing a morals court to deal with problems growing out of the abolition of the segregated district. The resolution later was withdrawn.

Revoking of the permit allowing the B. & O. railroad to cross Broadway and Harvard ave. is provided in a resolution by Councilman Thompson. An ordinance allowing the city to collect the cost of calling out the fire department in case of fire growing out of violations of the orders of wardens was placed on its second reading.

CAUCUS BLOCKS PAYNE AVE. CAR LINE EXTENSION

Democratic Councilmen to Hold Up Action at Meeting in Office of Mayor Baker.

WITT AND SALEN CLASH OVER PLAN'S OPPOSITION

Tilt Occurs When Traction Commissioner Announces He Will Offer Car Barn Bills.

Democratic councilmen, at a caucus in Mayor Baker's office yesterday, decided to hold up the Woods ordinance extending the Payne ave. car line to E. 105th st., after it had been approved by the street railway committee at an earlier meeting.

The proposal, which calls for an expenditure of $15,000, is opposed by Street Railway Commissioner Witt. Extension of the line would eliminate a steep hill, which car riders now are forced to climb, in transferring at E. 105th st. and Hough ave.

Witt and Councilman Meyers clashed at the hearing over the proposed extension.

"The expenditure is not justified," asserted Witt.

"Better spend the money there instead of on monumental car barns," said Meyers.

"I will give you two more car barn ordinances to vote for next week," retorted Witt.

"They'll never get my vote," Meyers shot back.

The commissioner said the proposed new barns would be at Harvard ave. and at W. 73d and Denison ave. where the company recently acquired property.

Lakewood was threatened with curtailment of car service in Clifton blvd. unless it legislated for interurban express service in the suburb, in a resolution submitted by Witt last night and adopted by council.

Lakewood riders fill interurban cars, which make local stops in that municipality, crowding out passengers bound for Dover, Lorain and other points, Witt says. Unless council does away with this local service Lakewood will get fifteen-minute service on the Clifton blvd. line instead of the present ten-minute schedule and all owl cars will be eliminated, Witt says.

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What Council Did Monday Night

Here's business transacted by council Monday night:

Referred resolution asking Cleveland Illuminating Co. to share with city cost of appraising company's property.

Passed ordinance making city department heads members of city planning commission.

Authorizing issue of $900,000 in short-time emergency notes to meet deficite in revenues for government costs.

Adopted resolution warning Lakewood council Clifton-blvd car service will be cut unless citizens use city cars instead of interurbans.

Referred $695 bill of County Engineer Stinchcomb for work on Edgewater park bathhouse plans.

Referred resolution to license all plumbers.

Referred resolution revoking switch track franchise in Newburg, granted old "Valley" railroad in 1883.

Heard Councilman Fitzgerald's demand for delayed report on West-side waterworks tunnel progress.

BAKER TO WAR ON GARVER BILL

Measure Called Vicious Blow at Ohio Cities.

Mayor Baker, Finance Director Coughlin and Law Director Stockwell Wednesday night in Columbus will argue against the Garver bill before the senate committee that has the bill under consideration.

Garver's bill would slice city revenue by writing additional levy limitations into the present Smith 1 per cent tax law.

If the Clevelanders fail to make Coughlin Tuesday charged the Garver bill is "the most vicious blow thus far aimed at cities by hostile legislators."

Evils in Measure.

"If passed it means cutting of fire and police protection, dirty and unpaved streets, curtailment of city help given the needy through outdoor relief and the abandonment of practically every big welfare project the city now has in mind," Coughlin said.

"The bill does three things:

"It takes the mayor off the county budget commission, thus robbing the city of any voice in tax matters; provides sinking fund charges must be met to the exclusion of all other claims; and provides that we can never raise more money by taxation than we raised in 1913."

an impression on the committee and the legislature passes the bill, Baker and other officials will urge a referendum.

Baker told councilmen Monday night he had written to more than 200 influential Ohio men asking help in killing the bill.

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BAKER FIGHTS TAX LIMITATION

Declaring acidly that the rate of Cleveland's finances is in the "lap of the gods" at Columbus and that the gods aren't at all propitious, Mayor Baker Tuesday again injected himself into state politics when he announced he has asked 200 Ohio mayors to help get up a referendum if the legislature approves the Garver tax bill.

The bill, which would re-enact the interior limitations of the Smith 1 per cent tax law, is designed to call a halt on reckless city financing. During its life it will render it impossible for cities to raise taxation in years subsequent to 1913 a sum larger than that levied in 1913. This, Baker maintained Tuesday, will bring about an "impossible situation."

Passage of the bill will reduce the city's income from tax levies to $2,910,843, the sum raised in 1913, Finance Director Coughlin said Tuesday. Tax receipts for 1915 will be approximately $3,646,572, according to Coughlin. Operating appropriations for the city for this year are $5,622,960, excluding utilities. Passage of the Garver bill will necessitate impossible slashing in every department, he declared.

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Cleveland Mayor and Railroads Reach Lake Land Pact.

BY JAMES H. LANYON.

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Mayor Newton D. Baker of Cleveland this afternoon had the satisfaction of seeing some of the teeth of the Behne public utility bill filed, but killing of the measure was delayed. The bill was still on the operating table when Senator Winans of Lake county moved that further consideration be postponed until tomorrow. That carried.

Mayor Baker had been active in his fight on the Behne bill, which would require municipalities establishing public utilities to issue mortgage bonds on the utility instead of on the general credit of the city. Ordinance for bond issues for maintenance would have to be submitted to the people and get a two-thirds vote, under the bill. It is held by opponents of the measure that the bill, if enacted, would cripple municipal electric light plants in Ohio.

Most of the opposition to the measure was worked up by Mayor Baker and Cuyahoga county Democrats. Working with them today were Senators McDermott of Trumbull, Pink of Hamilton and Horn of Wayne.

One of the amendments added to the bill today was that of Senator Horn, which declared no section of the act should be construed to prohibit the issuance of bonds secured by the faith and credit of the municipality for the establishment of the utility.

Another Horn amendment, aimed to tame the bill, was making the last section of the act apply only to municipally owned and operated utilities as will have been operated five years after their completion.

Senator C. A. Mooney of Cuyahoga then offered an amendment wiping out the clause calling for a vote on bond ordinances. This was pending when consideration ended for the day.

Sentiment in the senate is strong against portions of the measure and the bill seems to be in for rough sledding, either emasculation or death.

Mayor Baker spoke before the utilities committee of the house tonight in support of the Briggs bill that exempts from the debt limits of the Longworth act bonds issued in development of self-supporting electric light plants owned by municipalities.

The bill was recommended for passage last week by the committee, but that recommendation was recalled after the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce filed objections to the provisions of the bill and asked for a hearing. Tonight the chamber was represented at the hearing by Chairman A. T. Hills of the chamber committee, William B. Stewart of the legal firm employed by the chamber and Assistant Secretary Towsley of the chamber committee.

Mayor Baker and railway companies in Cleveland have reached an agreement over the effort of the city to get title from the state for the

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CITY TO GO SLOW IN SUBWAY GRANT

Council's Attitude is Shown at First Public Meeting to Discuss Project.

Promoter Barber Asserts His Company Must Have Co-Operation.

Indications yesterday afternoon at the close of the first public hearing on an ordinance which would grant a franchise for a six-mile subway under E. 55th-st to the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co., were that the franchise will not be granted until council has assurance the city will be safeguarded from such difficulties as it is encountering with the Pennsylvania and Lake Shore railroads along the lake front.

The company seeks a right of way under E. 55th-st from the lake front to the southerly limits of the city. Ohio C. Barber, millionaire match manufacturer of Barberton, O., principal promoter of the terminal company, was one of the speakers at the hearing in council chamber.

Councilmen J. J. McGinty and J. E. Smith raised objections to some sections of the ordinance, which was introduced by Councilman J. W. Reynolds. The ordinance has had one reading.

Mr. McGinty spoke of the cost to the terminal company if the corporation were forced to buy a right of way and asked the company's representatives to state what Cleveland would get in return for the grant.

As part of his answer, Attorney W. W. White of Goulder, Day, White & Garry, one of the company's representatives, brought out one of the salient points of the hearing.

"This road will not be built unless the city sees advantage enough to grant the franchise," said Mr. White.

The city, he said, will make millions for commercial enterprises, while the company may only make its tens of thousands.

After railroad monopolies had been discussed, Mr. Barber said:

"If you do not want someone to give the railroads a lesson, build this road yourself. I wish you would. But this company cannot go into the project without the complete co-operation of the municipality."

Service Director T. L. Sidlo stated that before a final granting of the franchise the city will insist that the company produce a complete set of plans.

On a motion by President of Council W. F. Thompson sections of the ordinance will be taken up piece meal by the council committee on lake front development. Objections to provisions will be reported back to the council committee of the whole.

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MAYOR, IN HOT PUBLIC SPEECH, FLAYS CHAMBER

Baker Tells House Committee Body Has Been Reactionary for 14 Years.

DEFENDS MUNY LIGHT

Resents Charges Organization's Men Make That Project is Failure.

"The chamber of commerce has been a reactionary body for 14 years."

This statement, fired at chamber representatives in Columbus Tuesday night by Mayor Baker, Wednesday roused the ire of chamber officials here.

"Mayor Baker now bases charges of reaction on our opposition to his measure to permit the city to issue bonds without limit to build and acquire muny light plants," said William E. Tousley, a chamber secretary. "We deny we are reactionary."

At a public hearing before the statehouse committee on public utilities, A. T. Hills and W. B. Stewart, members of the chamber, had charged ownership of utilities in Cleveland is a failure.

"I resent to the bottom of my heart every word these men have said," Baker retorted. "I resent their contempt for public officials. I'm going to get out of office soon because I want to fight for progress without being in the awkward position of an office-holder."

Bill Brings Discussion.

The Briggs bill, exempting muny light plant bonds as waterworks bonds are now exempted from limitations of the Longworth act, was under discussion.

Hills and Stewart opposed the bill, saying muny ownership fails because they claimed the right kind of men won't go into public service, because there is danger of a political machine being built up, and because under civil service department heads are not permitted to discharge incompetent employes.

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Mayor Newton D. Baker of Cleveland this afternoon had the satisfaction of seeing some of the teeth of the Behne public utility bill filed, but killing of the measure was delayed. The bill was still on the operating table when Senator Winans of Lake county moved that further consideration be postponed until tomorrow. That carried.

Mayor Baker had been active in his fight on the Behne bill, which would require municipalities establishing public utilities to issue mortgage bonds on the utility instead of on the general credit of the city. Ordinance for bond issues for maintenance would have to be submitted to the people and get a two-thirds vote, under the bill. It is held by opponents of the measure that the bill, if enacted, would cripple municipal electric light plants in Ohio.

Most of the opposition to the measure was worked up by Mayor Baker and Cuyahoga county Democrats. Working with them today were Senators McDermott of Trumbull, Pink of Hamilton and Horn of Wayne.

One of the amendments added to the bill today was that of Senator Horn, which declared no section of the act should be construed to prohibit the issuance of bonds secured by the faith and credit of the municipality for the establishment of the utility.

Another Horn amendment, aimed to tame the bill, was making the last section of the act apply only to municipally owned and operated utilities as will have been operated five years after their completion.

Senator C. A. Mooney of Cuyahoga then offered an amendment wiping out the clause calling for a vote on bond ordinances. This was pending when consideration ended for the day.

Sentiment in the senate is strong against portions of the measure and the bill seems to be in for rough sledding, either emasculation or death.

Mayor Baker spoke before the utilities committee of the house tonight in support of the Briggs bill that exempts from the debt limits of the Longworth act bonds issued in development of self-supporting electric light plants owned by municipalities.

The bill was recommended for passage last week by the committee, but that recommendation was recalled after the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce filed objections to the provisions of the bill and asked for a hearing. Tonight the chamber was represented at the hearing by Chairman A. T. Hills of the chamber committee, William B. Stewart of the legal firm employed by the chamber and Assistant Secretary Towsley of the chamber committee.

Mayor Baker and railway companies in Cleveland have reached an agreement over the effort of the city to get title from the state for the submerged acreage in the Cleve[land] lake harbor which the railways claimed and thought they owned.

Today Thatcher of Clinton bro[ught] in the bill which Mayor Baker h[as] prepare that is expected to pav[e the] way for a solution of the tro[uble]. The bill gives the governor aut[hority] to convey at once to the rail[roads] union station companies and th[e city] of Cleveland a deed in fee simple [to] the state for all the submerged [land] in the harbor of Cleveland ea[st of] the Cuyahoga river, the transi[t] be by agreement of the parties [par]ticipating, and all land to be hel[d for] the development of the terminals [in the] harbor, the plan being to dev[elop] jointly the land and water termi[nals] the harbor.

CITY TO GO SLOW IN SUBWAY GRANT

Council's Attitude is Shown at First Public Meeting to Discuss Project.

Promoter Barber Asserts His Company Must Have Co-Operation.

Indications yesterday afternoon at the close of the first public hearing on an ordinance which would grant a franchise for a six-mile subway under E. 55th-st to the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co., were that the franchise will not be granted until council has assurance the city will be safeguarded from such difficulties as it is encountering with the Pennsylvania and Lake Shore railroads along the lake front.

The company seeks a right of way under E. 55th-st from the lake front to the southerly limits of the city. Ohio C. Barber, millionaire match manufacturer of Barberton, O., principal promoter of the terminal company, was one of the speakers at the hearing in council chamber.

Councilmen J. J. McGinty and J. E. Smith raised objections to some sections of the ordinance, which was introduced by Councilman J. W. Reynolds. The ordinance has had one reading.

Mr. McGinty spoke of the cost to the terminal company if the corporation were forced to buy a right of way and asked the company's representatives to state what Cleveland would get in return for the grant.

As part of his answer, Attorney W. W. White of Goulder, Day, White & Garry, one of the company's representatives, brought out one of the salient points of the hearing.

"This road will not be built unless the city sees advantage enough to grant the franchise," said Mr. White.

The city, he said, will make millions for commercial enterprises, while the company may only make its tens of thousands.

After railroad monopolies had been discussed, Mr. Barber said:

"If you do not want someone to give the railroads a lesson, build this road yourself. I wish you would. But this company cannot go into the project without the complete co-operation of the municipality."

Service Director T. L. Sidlo stated that before a final granting of the franchise the city will insist that the company produce a complete set of plans.

On a motion by President of Council W. F. Thompson sections of the ordinance will be taken up piece meal by the council committee on lake front development. Objections to provisions will be reported back to the council committee of the whole.

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MAYOR, IN HOT PUBLIC SPEECH, FLAYS CHAMBER

Baker Tells House Committee Body Has Been Reactionary for 14 Years.

DEFENDS MUNY LIGHT

Resents Charges Organization's Men Make That Project is Failure.

"The chamber of commerce has been a reactionary body for 14 years."

This statement, fired at chamber representatives in Columbus Tuesday night by Mayor Baker, Wednesday roused the ire of chamber officials here.

"Mayor Baker now bases charges of reaction on our opposition to his measure to permit the city to issue bonds without limit to build and acquire muny light plants," said William E. Tousley, a chamber secretary. "We deny we are reactionary."

At a public hearing before the statehouse committee on public utilities, A. T. Hills and W. B. Stewart, members of the chamber, had charged ownership of utilities in Cleveland is a failure.

"I resent to the bottom of my heart every word these men have said," Baker retorted. "I resent their contempt for public officials. I'm going to get out of office soon because I want to fight for progress without being in the awkward position of an office-holder."

Bill Brings Discussion.

The Briggs bill, exempting muny light plant bonds as waterworks bonds are now exempted from limitations of the Longworth act, was under discussion.

Hills and Stewart opposed the bill, saying muny ownership fails because they claimed the right kind of men won't go into public service, because there is danger of a political machine being built up, and because under civil service department heads are not permitted to discharge incompetent employes.

Baker, back in Cleveland Wednesday, was to return to Columbus Wednesday night to lead in the fight against the Garver bill, which would lop off thousands of dollars of present city revenues and rob cities of a voice in tax matters.

Tuesday he saw the Behne public utilities bill, which if enacted would cripple muny light plants in Ohio, cut to bits by amendments.

Behne said his bill was being mutilated so badly he couldn't recognize it, and asked that action be ferred until Wednesday, when muny ownership advocates resumed their efforts to kill the measure.

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CLEANUP WEEK BOYCOTT IS PLAN OF LABOR UNIONS

Advertising Cards Done by Otis Lithograph Co. Draw Fire Because of Strike.

PRINTERS JOIN IN MOVE, FEDERATION WILL HELP

Blame Mayor Baker, Who Named Committee Which Gave Order for Printing.

Cleveland labor unions Wednesday planned a boycott against "cleanup week," April 14 to 30, as part of their campaign to make the city recognize union labor in all its branches. The unions' objection is that 10,000 cards, in colors, making a plea for "A Better, Brighter Cleveland" were printed by the Otis Lithograph Company, an open shop, in which a strike now is in progress.

The boycott movement will be led by William M. Benson, Chicago, vice president of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America, in Cleveland helping the strikers in their fight, and will be supported by the Cleveland Federation of Labor and the Typographical union. Benson, at a meeting of the striking lithographers Wednesday morning, appointed a committee to call on Mayor Baker and ask that he use his influence as mayor to prevent distribution of the nonunion cards.

Printers' Union to Help.

J. J. Hoban, president of the local Typographical union, Wednesday issued an appeal to all members of the union not to take any part in the cleanup campaign and to refuse to display any "Better, Brighter Cleveland" cards unless those bought from the Otis company are discarded and a new set bearing the union label ordered. The 10,000 cards will be ready for distribution within a week.

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, said the federation was ready to give any help to the lithographers they asked.

"This is purely a matter for the union involved to take up," said Farrell, "but the federation stands ready to give all the help it can. If a general boycott of the cleanup movement is the lithographers' way of fighting, we will help."

"It is better that the city should remain filthy than that city officials in any way help crush union labor by patronizing a plant which the unions believe unfair," Benson told the strikers Wednesday morning.

Declare Baker Responsible.

City Hall officials declare they had nothing to do with the printing of the cards. The campaign is under the direction of a citizens' committee and the money for it was raised by subscription.

Union men declare that inasmuch as Mayor Baker issued the cleanup proclamation and really is back of the cleanup movement, he is morally responsible for the acts of the committee.

William Downie, chairman of the citizens' committee, said the committee is "working for the good of all the people" and that differences should not be allowed to hamper its work.

Downie was under the impression the work had been given the Otis company because that firm had done the work a great deal cheaper than any other firm, making the cut in price as a donation to the work.

E. J. Rudolph, secretary of the Otis company, Wednesday said this was not the fact.

"We are not in that kind of business," he said. "No cut in our regular price was made to the cleanup committee."

CITY CAN'T SELL BONDS FOR ITS NEW WHITE WAY

Attempts of council, Mayor Baker, Finance Director Coughlin and Lighting Commissioner Ballard to float bond issues without regard for meeting interest and sinking fund charges will result in an indefinite delay in the proposed $200,000 downtown "white way" lighting system.

Wednesday $200,000 worth of municipal light bonds, issued to install the system, still were locked up in Coughlin's offices in city hall, despite the fact a group of New York banks and bond houses were high bidders for them early in March. Taking seriously for the first time the threat of bond houses, they will refuse Cleveland issues until adequate protection is given purchasers. Ballard Wednesday was threshing out details for a $500,000 mortgage bond issue on the light plant, but learned he will encounter the opposition of Utilities Director Stage.

"The system cannot be put in until bonds are taken up," Ballard said. "If bond buyers refuse one issue we must resort to another. Conduits for a good part of the system have or are being put in, and the work must continue."

Two or three months will be needed to complete the system after means of financing it are assured, Service Director Sidlo and Street Lighting Superintendent Kibbee said Wednesday. It was planned to have it in by June 1.

BEHNE BOND BILL, MUTILATED, GOES THROUGH SENATE

Mayor Baker Present as Measure He Opposed Is Passed.

RURAL CREDITS PLANNED

Assembly May Provide for Committee to Examine Into Subject.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.
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COLUMBUS, April 7.—Senator Behne's bill aimed to make bonds issued by municipalities for the acquiring or constructing of a public utility a liability exclusively against the revenues and property of the utility and not against the general credit of the municipality, was passed by the Senate this afternoon, 22 to 9.

An amendment by Senator Mooney, of Cleveland, striking out the provision that the ordinance authorizing such bonds cannot become effective till approved by a two-thirds majority of the people, was defeated.

Friends of municipal ownership charge the bill is backed by privately owned utility companies and is intended to put competing municipal plants out of business.

Baker Sees Passage.

Mayor Baker, of Cleveland, who bitterly opposed the measure, was a witness to its passage, occupying a seat in the Senate side lines.

By a vote of 17 to 16, the Senate voted down the amendment exempting from operation of the law municipally owned public utilities which have not been established five years. The amendment would have been retained had not Senator Gallagher, of Madison county, changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Senator McDermott then offered a compromise amendment which was adopted. It provided that the bill should apply only to municipally owned utilities which have been established more than three years.

No attempt was made to repeal an amendment inserted yesterday stipulating that nothing should prevent a municipality from issuing bonds secured by its faith and credit for the purposes of purchasing or constructing a public utility. It is claimed this proviso considerably modifies the effect of the bill originally drawn.

Credits Committee Planned.

Authority is given the governor in a resolution introduced in the House of Representatives this evening by Kimball, of Lake county, to appoint three citizens to serve without compensation as an Ohio state committee on rural credits and co-operation.

The resolution which went over under the rules empowers the committee to examine existing conditions and laws of Ohio bearing on rural credits and co-operation. Its report is to be submitted to the governor before the next regular legislative session, together with suggestions and recommendations as to what change should be made in the laws and what other steps taken to improve rural credits.

Representative Kimball's idea is that representative citizens who are interested in establishing a rural credit system that will benefit the state and aid the farming communities, be named by Governor Willis to make the desired investigation.

Fourth Cigarette Bill Dies.

For the fourth time at this session of the General Assembly the House of Representatives today killed an anticigarette bill, after playing football with it for an hour.

Persistent Representative Danford, of Noble county, the father of all anticigarette legislation attempted in the present Assembly, succeeded in getting a reconsideration of the vote by which his measure to prevent the employment of smoking school teachers and the graduation of smoking pupils was defeated a few days ago.

Representative Jackson, of Clark county, offered an amendment to strike everything from the bill after the enacting clause. He declared a halt should be called on nonsensical and useless legislation which took up the time of the lawmakers to no good end. Fleming, of Mahoning county, asserted the Danford bill was an insult to the teachers of the state.

Besaw, of Portage county, a clergyman, said the cigarette was the child of the pipe, the cigar and the cud, and he believed the father should be killed before the child.

The Jackson amendment was defeated 36 to 61.

Memorial Bill Dropped.

In the hope that the governor may be able to sign the measure on Friday the semi-centennial anniversary of Lee's surrender at Appomattox, the house this afternoon passed the twin bill of Senator Cass and Representative Bohm, of Cleveland, authorizing the appointment of a commission to erect an Ohio monument on the Lookout mountain battlefield. The bill carries an appropriation of $20,000.

Young, of Cleveland, fought the bill, saying the battle of Lookout mountain did not amount to much and the money could be appropriated to better purposes. The bill was passed, 88 to 5. The negative votes all came from Cleveland Democrats, Young, Terrell, Fitzsimmons, Brown and Bliss.

The House committee on civil service reported this evening the substitute civil service bill to take the place of the Moore Senate and the Barnes House bills. The substitute takes the place of the Moore bill on the calendar. It will be reprinted as the Moore-Barnes bill and may come up for third reading tomorrow.

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BEHNE BILL PASSES, BAKER SEES PERILS

Goes Through Senate and Mayor Says Public Utilities Are Menaced.

Light and Water Corporations Declared Behind Scenes.

BY A. E. McKEE.

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COLUMBUS, O., April 7.

When the Behne bill passed the senate today private utility interests won the first round against municipal ownership. It was openly charged the Behne bill was a war measure of the private utilities, planned to make more difficult problems of municipal ownership, already under way and deter other municipalities.

It had less teeth when it got through than when it was introduced. City Solicitor John Stockwell and Mayor Newton D. Baker of Cleveland had helped draw or knock out a few, but it got through with enough left, they said, to make it a menace to municipal activities. They declared that if the bill in approximately its present form gets through the house and becomes a law municipal ownership, for the present, will come to an abrupt halt.

Three other companion bills are under way; the four measures coming from the private light and water concerns of the state, each drawn to create a new hazard and planned to force high hurdles for municipal ownership to get over if it goes ahead.

The bills were months in preparation, each does its part, the four are supported here by a group of persistent backers and each has enough of a following in the ranks of lawmakers to make its passage more than probable.

The charge is made about the state house that the Behne bill was put through largely on the insistence from the office of Gov. Willis, and the belief exists he will support in the same way the others as they come up for action. Only two Republicans failed to get in line, President Pro Tem. Howard and Senator Louis Pink of Cincinnati.

The bill provides that bonds issued for development of a municipal utility may be supported only by the property of that utility; that each such bond issue must go to a compulsory referendum and get two-thirds majority of the voters; that there shall be set aside each year the sinking fund levy, from the earning of the utility, and that when new plants are started this levy does not operate for three years.

In the senate is pending the Stone bill. This puts municipal utilities under the control of the utilities commission of the state. Senator Myers has a bill that provides the rates charged by municipal utilities shall be such as will yield 5 per cent. on the cost of the plant, the cost of upkeep and depreciation. The Liggett bill in the house carries the 5 per cent. charge for earnings that is in the Myers bill and the Sprague bill provides a certificate of public necessity.

Mayor Baker was outspoken in his opposition to the provisions of the Behne bill. It hits hardest Cleveland and Columbus.

The Mallow agricultural ripper bill was put through the house today. It had already passed the senate, but amendments made in the house caused it to go back for concurrence. The bill is the first of the decentralizers to get through. The house cut out the provisions for real estate purchases at state fair grounds.

The Cass-Bohm bill for a $20,000 monument at Lookout mountain was hurried through the house today and the plan is for Gov. Willis to sign it Friday, the aniversary of Appomattox surrender. Young of Cuyahoga opposed this plan of spending money, and his remarks brought out a number of flag-flying, patriotic speeches.

Kimball of Lake introduced a resolution tonight for the appointment by the governor of a committee on rural credits. It will go through, members were told, and the chances are that Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland will be chairman. It is a pet idea of Mr. Herrick's, and members have been told he is anxious to demonstrate that it can be made workable all over the state.

The dog bill by Platt of Ashtabula was recommended for passage today by the agricultural committee and the outlook is it will go through. It codifies all sections of the general code relating to dogs.

Decentralization of the canal system of the state is forecasted in the bills by Chester of Paulding and Graham of Licking to abandon certain portions of canals and sell or lease the lands. Chester would abandon practically all the canal from Defiance to Middletown in Butler county, while Graham seeks to abandon that between Buckeye lake and Newark. Both are recommended for passage.

Democratic senators stood solidly against the measure of Senator Myers of Marion county which seeks to change the present school law. A number of Republicans refused to vote on the bill and others were absent. The bill died. It received only four affirmative votes. Senator Myers will seek reconsideration.

Senator Hopple exposed the Lloyd bill which would give county clerks the right to retain naturalization fees and led the fight on the measure. Hopple said the bill unquestionably was prompted because of the suit now pending against C. S. Horner, former county clerk of Cuyahoga county, through which the county seeks to recover $6,000 said to have been collected in these fees. The bill was drafted to include county clerks who have held office since 1907. It failed to carry.

After a conference with Attorney General Turner, Senator Tremper of Scioto county and Miami valley building and loan men drafted a new bill to extend the time for the refunding of money to the state by building and loan associations that had borrowed in 1913. Attorney General Turner had held that the bill previously passed showed no real emergency. The new bill shows that the sanitary situation in the flooded district provides an emergency and that the act must become effective at once. It will probably pass the house tomorrow.

CITIES APPEAL FOR AID TO RAISE CASH

Oppose Garver Bill, Which Would Limit Tax Levy to 1913 Figure.

Mayor Baker and Others Condemn Proposed Measure as Unfair

BY JAMES H. LANYON.

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Cities of Ohio tonight appealed to the legislature not to strangle them in raising money for city expenses, as they charge the Garver bill will do.

The Garver bill would limit the 1915 tax levy to that of 1913, and representatives of the cities said their growing municipalities cannot attempt to get along on such an amount.

In behalf of Cuyahoga county, Auditor John A. Zangerle showed how unfair the measure would be to Cuyahoga county.

Mayor Newton D. Baker and Finance Director Thomas Coughlin, in behalf of the city of Cleveland, condemned the proposed measure as unfair.

D. C. Westenhaver, president of the Cleveland board of education, showed the committee what a disastrous effect the law would have on Cleveland schools. The schools would be ruined, he said.

Both the committee and the administration were assailed by S. L. Tatum of Springfield for promulgating such legislation.

"If this bill is passed," said Mr. Tatum, "you will leave a heritage of disaster for succeeding years that will mark this administration as the most destructive Ohio has known in years."

These men spoke against the bill: F. Spiegel, mayor of Cincinnati; William Calkins, secretary of the Cincinnati chamber of commerce; H. M. Waite, Dayton's city manager; Frank Rockwell, mayor of Akron; Vincent S. Stevens, president of the Akron chamber of commerce, and R. J. Condon, superintendent of Cincinnati's public schools.

What the cities' representatives want enacted is Senator Mooney's bill, which removes interest sinking fund charges from the 10-mill limit of the Smith law.

Home rule in taxation and no more restrictions by the legislature is what the cities ask.

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MAKING LIVING BAKER'S ONLY IDEA FOR FUTURE

Mayor Baker, scheduled to leave office January 1 after thirteen years continuously in city hall, said Friday his only determination for the future is to making a living. Reports he is to become a "tax opportunist" was news to him, he claimed.

"All I know I'm going to do when I leave the city hall is to earn a living," Baker declared. "Just how I haven't decided yet, and won't for some time. There are plenty of other things to occupy my mind now."

Baker, it is said, will open a law office in Cleveland after taking a month's rest at the end of his term.

MUST HURRY OR WE'LL HAVE NO ORCHESTRA

If Cleveland is to have a better municipal orchestra next winter a decision must be reached immediately, Recreation Commissioner Black declared Thursday. He admitted the prospects are slim.

Black said he would ask Mayor Baker for a decision in a few days. He also will take up with Baker the problem of hiring one band for park concerts, putting Herr Christiaan Timmner, orchestra director, in as leader, and retaining the wind and brass players as the nucleus of a permanent symphony.

TALK CAR EXTENSIONS AND EUCLID FARE CUT

Mayor Baker and council street railway committee late Thursday were to decide upon building a street car line on E. 123d st. connecting Superior and St. Clair aves.

Councilman Damm has opposed the project on the ground the larger part of the territory is undeveloped and only a realty company would be benefited.

The committee also will inspect the proposed Payne ave. extension to E. 105th st. and consider a proposal to reduce the fare from Public Square to newly annexed territory in Euclid from eight to six cents.

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Behne Bill is Aimed to Hamper Muny Utilities, Asserts Baker

By Mayor Newton D. Baker

The Behne bill is one of four or five measures written by the public utility lobby for the purpose of discouraging and embarrassing municipally owned public utilities.

The senate was fooled into the passage of the Behne bill by being told that it didn't hurt municipal ownership.

Nobody claims it helps municipal ownership, therefore it was useless to pass the bill on such a statement. The fact is, however, that it does muddle and confuse the bond-issuing power of municipalities for public utility purposes, and so strangles such enterprises.

The program of the utilities is to kill off regulation by competition through the Behne bill, and second, to prevent regulation by the public utilities commission by taking away the money from the support of its operations.

In this way for at least two years longer they will be safe to continue their present extortionate charges.

So far as Cleveland's municipal electric light plant is concerned the Behne bill will not hurt it nor will any other bill that the legislature can pass.

It is in successful operation under power given by the constitution which the legislature cannot take away.

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PLEDGES OF HELP MAKE SURVEY OF SCHOOLS CERTAIN

An unbiased report on conditions under which Cleveland school teachers work and the efficiency of the present system is promised by Dr. Leonard P. Ayres, educational expert of the Russell Sage Foundation.

The decision to conduct the survey was practically made yesterday, according to Allen T. Burns, director of the Cleveland Foundation, members of which originated the survey idea, because of the unanimous approval given it by school and city officials and business men. Dr. Ayres expressed great satisfaction over the co-operation promised.

Criticize if Necessary.

"While the primary purpose of a survey is to make suggestions for the betterment of conditions," said Dr. Ayres, "we must also criticize when necessary. We go into teachers' conditions thoroughly."

The survey here will include not only the public schools, but Western Reserve university and Case school as well, Dr. Ayres said. A report on the relation these institutions bear to the schools will be made.

At a meeting attended by Mayor Baker, President Thwing, of Western Reserve; President Howe, of Case; President Westenhaver, of the school board; F. H. Goff, Samuel Mather, W. D. B. Alexander, Henry Sherwin and others, yesterday, Dr. Ayres explained the purpose of a survey and the benefits to be derived.

All those present expressed themselves as favorable to it and offered co-operation.

At a meeting of the Cleveland Welfare Council and at an informal conference of school officials, including Superintendent Frederick and Director of Schools Hogen, yesterday, support and co-operation were heartily promised.

"Use Schools More."

"The schoolhouses of this country are not being used by the general public half as much as they should," said Dr. Ayres last night. "Compared with the amount of time they are in use, they are the most expensive investment in the country. They should be opened more as social centers."

Dr. Ayres declared the schools have not kept pace with progress in industrial lines. The children of today need a different education from that given pupils twenty years ago, he said.

R. R. Lutz, assistant to Dr. Ayres, is with him and will direct the investigation of industrial education.

Dr. Ayres will address the Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon today.

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CITIES WON'T GET TAXATION RELIEF?

Cleveland Hears Willis Will Refuse to Support Garver and Mooney Bills.

Governor Says Levy Limitations Will be Unchanged.

Appeals of Ohio cities for relief from the limitations of the Smith 1 per cent. law are to come to naught, according to the present line-up. The limitations are to stand as they are, according to word from Columbus last night.

It was announced administration support is to be withdrawn from the Garver bill, which would limit the tax levy of 1915 to that of 1913, and is to be withheld from the Mooney bills, designed to carry into effect the recommendations of the commission which investigated the financial conditions of cities. Chief among the Mooney measures is one intended to place interest and sinking funds outside the 10-mill limitation of the Smith law.

Gov. Frank B. Willis yesterday said there practically will be no changes in the present status of tax limitations.

This attitude of the administration will be of tremendous import to cities. Mayors have been active in urging relief. Mayor Newton D. Baker has been in Columbus to fight the Garver bill and boost the Mooney bills, which also had the support of other mayors.

Intimations were that the only hope of relief for the cities now lies in the possibility of having the administration keep hands off the Garver measure, giving opportunity for efforts to amend it to include some, at least, of the provisions of the Mooney bills.

COURT MAY END GRADES

Likely to Result From Action of City Council Tonight.

Council tonight is to consider definite steps to force the Nickel Plate railroad to abolish its grade crossings on the West Side.

At a recent conference, Mayor Newton D. Baker and Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo decided to resist further delay by direct action, and in consequence a resolution is expected tonight authorizing the city law department to carry the situation into court.

Since the fall of 1911 the city has had on hand more than $700,000, remaining of a $2,000,000 bond issue approved by the people in the Herman Baehr administration, to pay its share of the Nickel Plate grade crossing removals.

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CHAMBER FINANCE BOARD HITS 1913 TAX LIMIT HERE

Opposes Garver Bill and Lines Up With Mayor to Secure Sufficient Funds for City's Needs.

'Passage of Measure Would be Injustice to Growing Municipalities,' Report Declares.

WOULD LIFT BAN FROM SINKING FUND LEVIES

Reaffirms Trade Body's Belief in Principle of Holding Down Rate.

By swinging a club on the Garver bill, the committee on city finances of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday lined up with Mayor Newton D. Baker and other Ohio city officials who are arrayed against the measure.

The bill would restrict the 1915 tax levy to that of 1913. Mayor Baker has actively fought the proposal. The chamber committee, in a report to the chamber board of directors, asserted passage of the measure would be an injustice to growing cities, and would make it impossible for them to continue to operate without either a serious curtailment of necessary functions, or the entailment of large operating deficits each year.

In this and other actions, the committee went part way at least in agreeing with Mayor Baker in his attitude of opposition to legislation which would tighten the financial restrictions on municipalities, and of advocacy of measures intended to give cities financial relief.

Unexpectedly, to officials in the city hall, the committee recommended legislation that would exclude levies for sinking fund purposes from the limitations of the Smith 1 per cent. law. This amounted to partial indorsement of a proposal expressed in one of the bills introduced by State Senator C. A. Mooney of Cuyahoga, who goes further, and urges that interest funds also be excluded from the 10-mill limitation of the Smith law.

Mayor Aids Mooney Bill.

Mayor Baker has appeared in Columbus in behalf of the Mooney bill.

In this connection, however, the committee reaffirmed the chamber's belief in the principle of limiting tax rates, laying the blame for the amount of debt of cities on officials of those municipalities rather than on the restraining influence of the Smith law. In its report to the chamber directors, the committee submitted a table to show that "the size of deficits or floating debt in twelve of the larger cities of the state are not due so much to the inadequacy of the law as to the seeming unwillingness of city officials to go to the people under home rule provisions for approval of tax levies sufficient to care for the expenditures."

The committee based its action in favoring amendment of the Smith law on the statement that "the Smith 1 per cent. law will not permit cities to care for the excessive sinking fund requirements entailed by unbusinesslike methods of public officials during a long series of years in issuing bonds without providing for their payment."

See $2,100,000 Receipts.

"It is estimated," read the committee report in part, "that the receipts from taxes for sinking fund and for interest in this city in 1915 will amount to $2,100,000.

"To pay interest and establish a sinking fund upon all outstanding bonds, not including special assessment and water works bonds, for which sinking fund is provided, to retire them when due, $5,900,000 would be required, or approximately three times the amount that will be levied for sinking fund and interest purposes this year.

"To provide a sinking fund upon all bonds and pay interest would require a greater levy than is now levied for all city purposes. In other words, the bonded indebtedness is so great that more money is needed for sinking fund and interest purposes than is raised for all city purposes. To provide the present insufficient amount taxpayers are paying into the sinking fund 37 cents on every dollar of tax money.

"Because of the unbusinesslike way of handling the city debt in the past, we should not be required now, and in the future, to discontinue governmental functions necessary for the welfore of the people."

The committee said it recommended amendment of the Smith law, excluding sinking funds from the limitations, "to permit of continued efficient operation, to enable a sufficient amount to be set aside for sinking fund to conform with the provisions of the new constitution, and to encourage municipalities to pay their debts."

Interest, being in the nature of an operating charge, should be governed by the Smith law limitations, the committee held.

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WOULD LIFT BAN FROM SINKING FUND LEVIES

Reaffirms Trade Body's Belief in Principle of Holding Down Rate.

By swinging a club on the Garver bill, the committee on city finances of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday lined up with Mayor Newton D. Baker and other Ohio city officials who are arrayed against the measure.

The bill would restrict the 1915 tax levy to that of 1913. Mayor Baker has actively fought the proposal. The chamber committee, in a report to the chamber board of directors, asserted passage of the measure would be an injustice to growing cities, and would make it impossible for them to continue to operate without either a serious curtailment of necessary functions, or the entailment of large operating deficits each year.

In this and other actions, the committee went part way at least in agreeing with Mayor Baker in his attitude of opposition to legislation which would tighten the financial restrictions on municipalities, and of advocacy of measures intended to give cities financial relief.

Unexpectedly, to officials in the city hall, the committee recommended legislation that would exclude levies for sinking fund purposes from the limitations of the Smith 1 per cent. law. This amounted to partial indorsement of a proposal expressed in one of the bills introduced by State Senator C. A. Mooney of Cuyahoga, who goes further, and urges that interest funds also be excluded from the 10-mill limitation of the Smith law.

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In this connection, however, the committee reaffirmed the chamber's belief in the principle of limiting tax rates, laying the blame for the amount of debt of cities on officials of those municipalities rather than on the restraining influence of the Smith law. In its report to the chamber directors, the committee submitted a table to show that "the size of deficits or floating debt in twelve of the larger cities of the state are not due so much to the inadequacy of the law as to the seeming unwillingness of city officials to go to the people under home rule provisions for approval of tax levies sufficient to care for the expenditures."

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See $2,100,000 Receipts.

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Shows Figures Unjust.

He said, showed how unjust were the 1914 figures—the same that the new taxers announce they'll use.

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BAKER MAY SUE TO FORCE REAPPRAISAL

That Step is Contemplated if Warnes Law Allows Such Procedure.

Auditor and Others See Financial Disaster Without Duplicate Addition.

Law Director John N. Stockwell today will examine the Warnes tax law to determine whether under its provisions Mayor Newton D. Baker could go into court to force Deputy State Tax Commissioners James B. Ruhl and Charles P. Salen to reappraise Cleveland real estate for taxation this year.

Mayor Baker late yesterday afternoon sent the law department a letter, asking whether as mayor or as a citizen he could do anything to bring about a revaluation. The possibility hinges on whether the section of the Warnes law requiring an annual reappraisal is mandatory.

The action by the mayor followed announcement by the tax commissioners that there would be no general realty reappraisal because they had not sufficient time in which to make it. County Auditor John A. Zangerle joined his voice to that of the mayor in protesting against the commissioners' intention to tax real estate this year on the basis of 1914 valuations, and criticized them for not reappraising downtown land at least.

Tax Commissioner Ruhl declined to comment on the mayor's attitude, explaining, however, the amount of work the tax office must do in three months and for which longer time was available in preceding years. Commissioner Salen was out of the city yesterday.

"The question in my mind," Law Director Stockwell said last evening with reference to the mayor's communication, "is whether this is a judicial or political question. I sometimes doubt the wisdom of asking the court to make a public official do this and that. The official is responsible to the people who put him in office."

Mayor Baker pointed out that if there is no reappraisal, there will be no increase in revenue from taxation of realty this year over 1914.

"The population of Cleveland and the value of land are growing, and the revenue remains stationary," said Mayer Baker. "It is necessary to have more money to perform efficiently the necessary services of the people. If there is no reappraisal, next year will be just as much worse than this year as another year like this would be."

Real estate in downtown Cleveland should be reappraised regardless of the fact that there is not time to make a complete reappraisal of the whole city, County Auditor Zangerle declared.

The auditor disagreed with the opinion expressed by the tax commissioners that it would be unfair to place increased valuations on downtown property unless they made revaluations of all the property in the city.

Auditor Zangerle, with other county and city officials, predicted financial disaster for both city and county if the addition of $75,000,000 contemplated by former Tax Commissioners John D. Fackler and William Agnew is sliced from the duplicate.

WOULD RUN MEALS IN DAVIS' PLACE

Hanna Interests Expected to Urge Mayoralty Aspirant to Quit Race.

Believe All G. O. P. Factions Could be United by Judge.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Republicans expect that the Dan R. Hanna interests in the immediate future, perhaps within the next ten days, will call in Harry L. Davis and urge him to withdraw from the mayoralty contest, probably in favor of Judge Walter D. Meals of the court of appeals.

The move is anticipated as the next development of importance in the Republican mayoralty situation, and indications are that the time is near at hand.

The Hanna people have shown plainly an intention of trying to sidetrack Mr. Davis. The Hanna inclination still seems to be largely toward Judge Meals, but feelers for W. H. Boyd also are out.

There are direct reports of attempts on the Hanna side to head off booms that have budded for other possible entries, Judge Meals being advanced as the man in whose favor the possibilities would be asked to step aside.

Not only the Hanna interests, but other conspicuous Republicans, those termed "big," and among whom are mentioned such men as W. P. Murray and Homer H. McKeehan, are declared to be strongly in favor of pushing Judge Meals forward as the compromise candidate of the anti-administration forces of the city.

The Hanna people want a candidate of some personal popular following, a man who they think can make a strong showing in the East End wards, and a man considered to have sufficient ability on the stump to campaign successfully against Peter Witt. They are reported to believe that Judge Meals would fill the bill.

There is further strategy in the selection of Judge Meals. If Mr. Davis were out of the running there is little doubt that the judge would be acceptable to Maurice Maschke and his following, and so would be in a position to draw together the various Republican factions.

However, with this continual undercurrent of "compromise," Candidates Davis and Miner G. Norton are moving right along with their campaign plans, and the conviction is becoming more general among Republicans that to sidetrack either will be a difficult task, if not indeed impossible.

Both say they are in to stay. Mr. Davis has just established campaign headquarters in the Schofield building. There is every indication that some at least of the Republicans who are talking "compromise" are overly optimistic about the ease with which Messrs. Davis and Norton could be persuaded to leave the field.

There continues to be frequent mention of other possible candidates. John A. Cline is still to be reckoned with when the final settlement is made. He might break in at the psychological moment and necessitate new planning. W. L. David is being talked systematically by a certain group of Republicans. Yesterday the name of W. G. Marshall, drug man, was placed again in the list.

CLEAN-UP CRUSADE GROWS AS MAYOR BACKS MOVEMENT

Plans Call for School Children's Parade and Co-Operation by Moving Picture Exhibitors.

Slides Will Serve Also to Demonstrate Campaign to be Waged Against Flies.

STREET CLEANING BUREAU PUSHES WORK OVER CITY

Citizens' Committee Prepares to Make Out Program for Week.

Indorsement of the council resolution urging citizens of Cleveland to co-operate in the clean-up campaign that is to take place during the week commencing next Monday came from Mayor Baker yesterday.

The mayor signed the resolution as W. H. Winans, secretary to Welfare Director H. R. Cooley, was preparing for a meeting of the citizens' committee today at which a program for the entire week's campaign is to be mapped out.

Arrangements for the big downtown parade of school children Saturday were practically completed yesterday. Secretary Winans announced there would be at least 1,000 children in line and that preliminary reports indicate the eagerness of the boys and girls to participate in the movement is unbounded.

The parade will form at Sumner-av S. E. and E. 9th-st and the children will march to the Public square. A meeting at Central armory will follow. Each boy and girl taking part in the parade will be provided with a box lunch.

Boy Scouts Take Part.

The procession will be headed by the Hiram House band and the Hiram House turnout will be 250 strong. There will be 200 boys in the Boy Scouts division. A large representation of the Junior Civic league squad was also assured.

Slides announcing the coming campaign are to be exhibited in 150 moving picture theaters. Arrangements were completed yesterday with the Exhibitors' league. Dr. Jean Dawson also is planning to have the same slides serve as an advertisement for the anti-fly campaign. Fly headquarters will be open at the city hall today and Saturday. Thousands of fly swatters are being distributed.

Secretary Winans announced yesterday 3,000 clean-up posters are to be displayed in the street cars with the consent of railway officials. Passage by the council Monday night of an ordinance regulating the size of ash and garbage cans and the general collection system will aid materially in the clean-up movement, it was asserted yesterday at the City hall. The ordinance has been approved by the bureau of sanitation and will be enforced by Chief Mildred Chadsey and her sanitary squad.

Pushes Spring Cleaning.

Supt. Gus Hanna of the street cleaning division reported yesterday the department is pushing its spring cleaning work in every part of the city. Special attention is being given to the model section that has been established in the vicinity of Woodland-av S. E. and E. 40th-st. Ten men have been assigned to this section and members of the Junior Civic league are co-operating.

An effort will be made to have the E. 40th-st approach to Kingsbury park the model thoroughfare of the city. Planting of the space between the sidewalk and curb will be encouraged by the city.

It has been decided that Monday of the clean-up week will be devoted to the placing of clean-up literature in all schools. Seventy-five thousand bulletins will be distributed. The campaign will be indorsed by school

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DEFERMENT OF NEW APPRAISAL HERE DEFENDED

Zangerle Declares Tax Commissioners Put Off Revaluation to Prevent a Tangle in the Books.

The decision of County Tax Commissioners Ruhl and Salen to defer the reappraisement of Cleveland land and buildings this year will protect all Cleveland property owners from unfair and inequal taxation, according to County Auditor Zangerle.

"It was the only proper action the commissioners could take," said Zangerle. "Any attempt to reappraise Cleveland this year would have resulted in a jumble of inequalities and unfair valuations that would take months to untangle because of the short time and hurried manner in which the revaluation would have to be made."

Commissioner Ruhl yesterday reiterated his statement that there would be no general reappraisal of the city this year. He declared, however, that the tax board would attempt to adjust any inequalities in values that were brought to its notice. All property improved since last year will also be relisted.

"During the quadrennial appraisal of 1910 it took 247 assessors six months to reappraise Cleveland," said Ruhl. "We have but 115 men and only two months to make up our duplicate. In addition to appraising personal property, our office has to make 32,000 real estate transfers from the auditor's books this year and value at least 10,000 new buildings. Where would we find time to make a proper reappraisal of the city?"

Ruhl refused to discuss the possibility that Mayor Baker might institute court proceedings to force a reappraisal.

Zangerle stated yesterday that the budget commission, of which he is a member, would probably violate the Smith 1 per cent tax law this year to test its constitutionality in the courts.

Mayor Baker yesterday asked the city law department if the city has authority to institute suit to compel tax commissioners to reappraise Cleveland property this year. Commissioners have announced that the old valuation is to stand.

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CLEANUP SQUAD TO BE HERE SOON

Everything in Readiness for Mose's Brightening Up.

Old "Will Cleanup" and his pal, "Will Paintup," Wednesday were lining up forces for Cleveland's mighty war on dirt, disease and ugliness, April 19-30.

Mayor Baker and movie exhibitors were their latest recruits Wednesday.

Baker has signed Councilman Reynolds' resolution, adopted Monday, officially proclaiming the cleanup and calling on every man, woman and child who's big enough to join in the fight.

Movie exhibitors have agreed to show cleanup slides in picture shows thruout the city during both weeks of the campaign.

A thousand youngsters Saturday will start things going with a monster parade thru downtown streets. Hiram house band will lead the procession.

City street cleaners, sanitary patrolmen and fire wardens will do their part in brightening up dirty districts.

"But the real work must be done by private individuals," says welfare secretary Winans, who's field general in the fight.

Cleveland "groundhogs" are going to swing into the cleanup.

Single tax doctrine has won 'em to the fight.

They're citing the fact a cleanup is necessary as the one best argument for "groundhog" principles.

DISREGARDS MAYOR

Utilities Director Stage Wednesday had not heeded Mayor Baker's order to revamp specifications for the $75,000 boilers soon to be installed in the Division-av pumping station.

Boiler manufacturers Monday charged the plans were drawn to throw the contract to the Babcock & Wilcox Co., which already has installed practically all boilers used in the muny light and waterworks plants. Bids are to be opened Thursday.

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WOULD START TUBE WITHIN 18 MONTHS

Councilman McGinty Demands That Project be Begun Without Delay.

Wants Railway Company to File Bond to Show Good Faith.

Pointing to delays in the Cleveland Rapid Transit railway's subway project, Councilman J. J. McGinty demanded at a public meeting in the city council chamber yesterday that the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Railway Co. be required to file a bond as guarantee that it would start work on the E. 55th-st subway within eighteen months.

Councilman McGinty's demand drew a protest from Attorney William W. White, who declared such a requirement would be unfair, as the company could not start on its financing until it was known that the franchise was actually obtained.

Attorney White asserted the company expected to finance the $10,000,000 subway project within four weeks after the ordinance was passed, that O. C. Barber, possessor of a fortune of $25,000,000, is interested in the venture; that no railroad company or combination of railroads is behind the movement, and that, in honor of Mr. Barber, the plan of changing the name of the railroad to the Barber terminal is being considered.

Yesterday's meeting was called by the council committee on lake front development for the consideration of the pending grant. Representative manufacturers and envoys of leading civic and commercial organizations were present. Many indorsed the project and declared it would be a decided benefit to business interests.

Assistant Secretary T. C. Wellsted of the Chamber of Commerce announced a committee of the chamber is studying the grant and that it would soon make a report to council.

Yielding to a request from the company's representatives that the council consider the matter with as little delay as possible inasmuch as it was desired to push the work this summer, Chairman J. W. Reynolds suggested that another meeting of the committee be held this afternoon.

Councilman W. J. Horrigan suggested the ordinance which merely requires that a start be made within eighteen months, be amended in such a manner that a definite amount of work must be completed within that period.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn declared the company should reserve a strip along the fill proposed for the lake front end of the tube, for the construction of a municipal belt line, that the city be given the right to control switching rates and that the company be required to serve all industrial concerns along the route. He also proposed that the city be permitted to use a track in the tube for passenger purposes.

Attorney White said there was no objection to the clauses requiring the company to serve all industrial plants and to reserve a strip along the lake front fill. In his opinion the plan of maintaining a track inside the tube for passenger purposes is not practical. He thought the regulation of switching charges was in the hands of the state and interstate commissions.

Mayor Baker proposed that the tube be kept low enough at all points in E. 55th-st to permit the street to be occupied by a passenger tube. The present plans place the tube at such a level between Euclid-av and a point south of Central-av S. E. that another subway could not be placed above it The mayor also proposed that the company be prohibited from tearing up the street at the intersection of Euclid-av and E. 55th-st.

DAVIS GETS PLUM TO LEAVE RACE?

Republican Mayoralty Candidate Reported Slated for State Job.

Plan Banquet to Launch Second Term Boom for Pomerene.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Harry L. Davis is booked for a first-class position in one of the state departments it was currently reported last night, following a conference W. P. Leech, acting for Dan R. Hanna, had with Gov. Frank B. Willis in Columbus yesterday.

At Columbus this was taken to be the Republican plan to get Mr. Davis out of the mayoralty race and leave the way clear for Appellate Judge Walter D. Meals. The entry of Judge Meals in the field has been looked for to unite all factions of the party. The position for which Harry L. Davis is slated has not yet been made public.

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John E. Jones, former chief of the park police, is mentioned as the most likely man to get the position of deputy fire marshal for Cleveland when Gov. Willis gets to this department. The fire marshal is to be named as soon as the muddle over resignations has been straightened out.

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Plans were announced here yesterday for the launching of United States Senator Atlee Pomerene's boom for a second term, with, perhaps, a reference to the vice presidency for good measure, at a demonstration to be given in the senator's honor in Canton next Wednesday night.

County Prosecutor Cyrus Locher of Cleveland is to be one of the speakers, and a delegation of Cleveland Democrats will attend.

The affair is to be in the nature of a welcome home. With its approach, it is given out definitely here that Senator Pomerene's wish and ambition is to return to the senate, and that in his opinion it will be time enough to listen to talk of the vice presidency if party sentiment regarding that office later seems to be swinging in his direction.

The home coming for the senator is to be staged in the Courtland hotel, Canton. A reception of friends and old neighbors from 6:30 to 7 p. m. will precede a banquet, at which Norman Raff, Canton broker, will be toastmaster.

Prosecutor Locher will have the chief address before the senator's speech. Mayor Newton D. Baker was invited to speak, but replied that he had made plans for a trip to Florida and would be away at the time of the banquet.

Besides an attendance from Stark and Cuyahoga counties, delegations are planning to go from Wayne, Tuscarawas and Holmes, the senator's old home county.

The affair will be given under the auspices of the Young Men's Democratic club of Canton.

Senator Pomerene has been away from his home in Canton almost continually for two years. His term expires next year.

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BOND REFUSED TO GUARANTEE FREIGHT TUBE

Directors of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company were asked by Councilman McGinty yesterday to file a bond with the city guaranteeing the building of a four-track freight subway in E. 55th st.

The Cleveland Rapid Transit Company has three times renewed its passenger subway grant without starting work, McGinty said, at a meeting of a special council committee on lakefront development. He said that the company should furnish bond to start work within the time named in the pending franchise ordinance.

Urges Municipal Line.

Councilman Gahn urged that the city retain a strip for a municipal belt line railroad along the lake fill to be made by the subway promoters at E. 55th st., and that the city control transportation rates and operate one track as a passenger subway.

Attorney William M. White, representing the company, said that it would agree to the belt line proposition. Regulation of rates is a matter entirely for the interstate commerce commission and the state public utilities commission, White said.

White declared that the forty-foot depth of the subway would prevent its being used for a passenger line. He also objected to a bond requirement, saying that it would be unfair to require a bond before the financing of the line.

"Finance Subway in Month."

White said that he expected the entire proposition to be financed within a month after the passage of the ordinance. The subway promoters will purchase a large lakefront acreage at E. 55th st. as soon as the ordinance is passed, he said.

The proposed subway is to be built in E. 55th st. from the lake to Broadway, thence connecting with railroads in the upper river valley by Broadway and E. 71st.

The committee continued the hearing until this afternoon.

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ASKS CITY TO SELL PUBLIC SQUARE AND USE CASH ON MALL

Councilman J. E. Smith Will Introduce Ordinance and Open Subject for Citizens' Discussion.

Estimates Place Proceeds at $8,000,000, Which Would Permit Completion of Group Plan.

WANTS IDEA SIFTED BY CLEVELAND COMMISSION

Monuments and Streets Obstacles to Carrying Out of Proposal.

Shall the Public square be sold or leased by the city of Cleveland as a means of raising $8,000,000 for the completion of the mall and group plan?

This question will be put up to the city plan commission if a resolution to be offered in council Monday night by Councilman J. E. Smith is adopted. Councilman Smith announced yesterday that to throw open this question to public discussion he would propose that the city plan commission study the entire Public square problem in its relation to the new civic center designed by the supervising architects of the group plan.

One suggestion made is that each of the four sections of the Public square be sold or leased by the city and that the funds thus raised be used to acquire the property needed to complete the mall, to provide the necessary statuary and planting, and to erect a convention hall, music hall and other structures on property facing the parkway.

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Directors of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company were asked by Councilman McGinty yesterday to file a bond with the city guaranteeing the building of a four-track freight subway in E. 55th st.

The Cleveland Rapid Transit Company has three times renewed its passenger subway grant without starting work, McGinty said, at a meeting of a special council committee on lakefront development. He said that the company should furnish bond to start work within the time named in the pending franchise ordinance.

Urges Municipal Line.

Councilman Gahn urged that the city retain a strip for a municipal belt line railroad along the lake fill to be made by the subway promoters at E. 55th st., and that the city control transportation rates and operate one track as a passenger subway.

Attorney William M. White, representing the company, said that it would agree to the belt line proposition. Regulation of rates is a matter entirely for the interstate commerce commission and the state public utilities commission, White said.

White declared that the forty-foot depth of the subway would prevent its being used for a passenger line. He also objected to a bond requirement, saying that it would be unfair to require a bond before the financing of the line.

"Finance Subway in Month."

White said that he expected the entire proposition to be financed within a month after the passage of the ordinance. The subway promoters will purchase a large lakefront acreage at E. 55th st. as soon as the ordinance is passed, he said.

The proposed subway is to be built in E. 55th st. from the lake to Broadway, thence connecting with railroads in the upper river valley by Broadway and E. 71st.

The committee continued the hearing until this afternoon.

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ASKS CITY TO SELL PUBLIC SQUARE AND USE CASH ON MALL

Councilman J. E. Smith Will Introduce Ordinance and Open Subject for Citizens' Discussion.

Estimates Place Proceeds at $8,000,000, Which Would Permit Completion of Group Plan.

WANTS IDEA SIFTED BY CLEVELAND COMMISSION

Monuments and Streets Obstacles to Carrying Out of Proposal.

Shall the Public square be sold or leased by the city of Cleveland as a means of raising $8,000,000 for the completion of the mall and group plan?

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One suggestion made is that each of the four sections of the Public square be sold or leased by the city and that the funds thus raised be used to acquire the property needed to complete the mall, to provide the necessary statuary and planting, and to erect a convention hall, music hall and other structures on property facing the parkway.

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BAKER FROWNS ON SQUARE SALE

City Doesn't Own Title, Executive Explains.

About that Public square J. E. Smith, councilman and real estate dealer, would have the city sell:

"It can't be done," said Mayor Baker. "A lovely idea, but it won't work. The city has no title to the square. We can't even lease it, for it's held in trust."

Smith, who's going to introduce a resolution in council Monday night calling on city plan commissioners to consider selling the square, really isn't very strong for it himself.

"I don't believe it will work out, but I'd like to have some public discussion on it, anyway," he said Friday.

He got the discussion all right, but not by city plan commissioners.

"Sell my Public square! Say, what the ——," fumed Councilman McGinty, who raced to city hall all out of breath.

The square is in McGinty's ward. McGinty spent the morning arguing with everyone in city hall against "the outrage."

Near-tears stood in Safer Benesch's eyes. Benesch has a heart for the score or so of policemen who daily roost in the square —often called the most desirable beat on the force.

"I'm unalterably opposed," he said. "It's the city's breathing space—it's rest zone."

Smith would use money raised by sale of the square for development of the city's group plan.

TAXERS DECIDE TO REAPPRAISE

Promise Revaluation of Downtown Property.

Taxers Ruhl and Salen right-about-faced Friday and decided to obey the state tax commission's order to get busy on Cleveland land values.

They announced they would get to work at once to equalize real estate by reappraising sections of the city where there have been big increases in land values.

Until Friday Ruhl and Salen had doggedly repeated day after day: "There isn't time to make a general realty reappraisal, and it wouldn't be fair to appraise only some sections anew."

Then Ruhl Explains.

Asked why they had dropped their plan to let the old figures go back on the duplicate, Ruhl explained:

"We had been so busy getting the personal assessors out and getting started on transfers that we hadn't investigated."

If taxers do as they now say they'll do, small home owners won't have to pay such an unjust share of the taxes. Small homes have increased but little in value since the appraisal in 1910, while downtown properties have leaped ahead.

Mayor Baker, Law Director Stockwell, and D. J. Zinner, member of the board of complaints, were to hold a conference late Friday to see that Ruhl and Salen do as they say they will.

The law says that the mayor, council or any property holder may make demands for equalization.

Saturday

ROADS AGAINST PAYING CASH FOR SITE FOR DEPOT

Railroads negotiating with the city for a union passenger station site in Lakeview park are unwilling to pay a cash consideration of $1,400,000 for the land needed.

Instead, officials of the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines want to reopen negotiations upon a land transfer basis alone. The city's price for the park land tentatively was accepted by officials of the two lines a year ago.

Seventy-five acres of lake front land between E. 9th st. and E. 16th st., in exchange for a passenger station site in Lakeview park and the city's entire holdings lying west of the present union station, sums up, in brief, the company's officials' latest proposition.

Proposition Presented.

It was presented to Director of Public Service Sidlo, City Engineer Hoffmann and Director of Law Stockwell at a meeting in the offices of D. C. Moon, general manager of the New York Central lines yesterday.

A piece of land equal to half the size of the W. 9th st. tract, to which the city recently was given title by a decision of the United States supreme court, was offered for the city's holdings there. The railroad land is located just east of E. 9th st. An adjoining tract, double the size of the Lakeview park depot site of thirty acres, will be given for the depot site, if the offer is accepted.

Railroad officials maintain that the city can use only the W. 9th st. tract for street purposes. The land now is covered with a network of tracks and docks.

Own Most of Land.

Railroads own most of the lake front land between E. 9th and E. 40th sts. Officials hold that they can give the city a title in fee simple to acreage equal to the W. 9th st. Lakeview park lands. This would permit harbor developments, they claim.

No action was taken on the proposition. Further meetings are to be held and the results of the conferences placed before Mayor Baker and heads of the two railroad systems at a session the first week in May.

Leader

TALK BOND ISSUE TO MEET DEFICIT

City Officials, Wrestling With $1,500,000 Debt, May Appeal to Voters.

Submission of a special bond issue to meet a $1,500,000 deficit in city operating expenses incurred during the last four years is being considered by Mayor Baker and the city administration.

This plan of wiping out the city deficit by an appeal to voters was presented to the council committees on finance and appropriations yesterday. Sessions were held in Baker's office behind closed doors.

Two Other Ways.

Two alternatives confront the city if deficits are to be eliminated, Baker said. One is to levy special assessments for street cleaning, street lighting, garbage collection and similar service. The other is a sweeping curtailment of municipal activities.

Voters will be asked to approve the bond issue at the November election, if this plan is approved.

The suggestion of the bond issue came from Director of Finance Coughlin, who defended the administration against charges of extravagance. Coughlin said any curtailment would mean crippling of service.

Last year the city borrowed $765,000 at 6 per cent interest to meet payrolls and other operating expenses. Nearly a million and a half will have to be borrowed this year.

Notes for $900,000 will be offered for sale Monday. These will run until September 1, when more money is to be borrowed to run the city government until the end of the year.

To Increase Debt.

The city will also increase its bonded debt by $2,047,000 Monday, bringing the total debt to $54,535,055. Included in the issues to be offered for sale are: $900,000 street improvement bonds; $600,000 Cuyahoga river purification; $100,000 grade crossing; $200,000 fire department; $117,000 street improvement; $100,000 park improvement; $30,000 garbage collection.

The big bonded debt is largely responsible for the city deficit, according to Councilman Townes and other minority members of the city council. More than a million dollars of tax funds are required each year to pay interest on city bonds.

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RUHL DENIES ANY CHANGE IN TAXATION POLICY

The city administration will not ask the board of tax complaints to go over the tax commissioners' heads and increase the valuation of realty in certain sections of Cleveland this year, Mayor Baker stated yesterday, following a conference with Director of Law Stockwell.

The director told the mayor that the present complaint board could not handle any protests upon the 1915 assessments, as the duplicate would not be certified to until after the board had adjourned. The duplicate does not have to be made until July 1. The complaint board adjourns May 6.

D. J. Zinner, chairman of the board, said yesterday that no communication had been received by him relative to a complaint on the valuation of Cleveland property this year.

County Tax Commissioner Ruhl denied yesterday that there had been any change in the commission's taxation policy, since it took office two weeks ago. He stated that the commissioners had not reached any definite decision regarding reappraisal of city property.

Councilman Moylan announced yesterday that he would introduce a resolution Monday night requesting the board to reappraise the downtown section of Cleveland.

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CLEVELAND AGOG ON SQUARE SALE

Consensus of Opinion Opposed to Idea; Mayor Baker Says 'Impossible.'

'Why Not Sell Parks and Art Museum, Too?' Asks Munson Havens.

All downtown Cleveland yesterday was discussing Councilman J. E. Smith's suggestion, made Thursday, that the Public square be sold for $8,000,000 to get funds to complete the group plan.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell said the city's title to selling rights of the square's acreage might be cleared up to permit the sale if the people want a sale. Service Director T. L. Sidlo favored the idea. Mayor Newton D. Baker said "impossible."

Councilmen, led by Jimmy McGinty of the ninth ward (the square is in the ninth), were practically unanimous the city couldn't and wouldn't sell.

"It all sounds like the green goods confidence stories one reads of in the dime paper backs," said Mr. McGinty. "Why not go out and peddle the whole park system? There's too much of a tendency to desire the commercialization of everything."

Flays Sale Plan.

Writing to the Plain Dealer R. Churchill Smith, 8122 Melrose-av N. E., said:

"Far better replace Garfield's tomb with a popcorn stand than blemish our landscape and block our air shaft with misplaced masonry.

"The mall would be fine. Sculpture is good—for sculptors—but let us not sell our birthright for a mess of pottage. We busy folks of big cities may possibly be lacking in our appreciation of natural beauty, sunlight and air, but we are not so steeped in commercialism and lacking in sentiment that we dispose of family heirlooms to buy accessories for the auto."

Said Secretary Munson Havens of the Chamber of Commerce:

"If we are going to sell the Public square why not go right ahead and sell Wade and Gordon parks, the animals in the Brookside zoo, rent the new art museum and the first floors of all our public schools for store rooms?"

Former Mayor Robert E. McKisson in his law offices, the Williamson building, fortified with a glass of buttermilk yesterday afternoon looked out over the square and reminisced.

Mr. McKisson remembered that when he was mayor, back in 1896, there was a proposition to build a new city hall on the square.

"I had the northeast corner fenced off. There was a howl of protest from the entire community. The fence came down and of course the hall didn't go up. It was really the germ of the mall plan idea. Cleveland will never stand for such a proposition."

Secretary Stanley L. McMichael of the Cleveland Real Estate Board, long a staunch adherent of the mall plan, declared Clevelanders will never allow the square to be wiped out so

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DAVIS AIDS QUIT FOR PARTY UNITY

Three Members of Mayoralty Campaign Committee Give Up Their Posts.

Seventy-Five Clevelanders Going to Canton to Help Welcome Pomerene.

"In behalf of Republican unity," three members of the general campaign committee of 150, named Thursday by Harry L. Davis, resigned yesterday, declaring the use of their names as committeemen is unauthorized.

They are Cornelius Maloney, Francis V. Brady and W. J. Delaney. They declare that until unity is brought about in the party they will not permit their names to be attached to the campaign of any candidate.

"Republican unity and the interest of every element of the party as a whole," said Mr. Maloney, "is a duty which overrides every consideration and is a principle from which I have never departed. Publication of my name as an unqualified supporter of any candidate at this time does not correctly present my position."

"I am now working for a charter amendment and a primary election," said Mr. Brady. "I am for any harmony candidate, whether by agreement of all elements or by primary nomination. Publication of my name as unreservedly supporting any candidate or faction at this time is incorrect."

"The fifth ward has gone on record against the indorsement of any candidate until unity has been brought about," said Mr. Delaney. "Publication of my name as an unqualified supporter of any candidate at this time is erroneous."

WOULD MEET DEFICIT

Councilmen Discuss Three Ways to Help City.

Three methods of meeting the big deficit that confronts the city in the operation of all departments were proposed at a meeting of council committees on finance and appropriations that took place yesterday in the office of Mayor Baker.

One suggestion, made by Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, leader of the minority branch of council, is that citizens of Cleveland be given an opportunity to vote on the question of issuing deficiency bonds at the coming fall election. The deficit will be nearly $1,500,000.

It further was proposed that the city adopt the policy of levying special assessments for cleaning and lighting of streets and for planting shade trees in streets.

A third suggestion was that the city retrench along all lines. This might mean the cutting down of the number of employes in every department and economies of operations in other directions. No decision was reached at yesterday's meeting.

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VINING IN PERIL OF LOSING JOB; RANKS FIFTH IN "EXAMS"

Two Applicants Must Drop Out to Give Him a Chance.

WRIGHT LEADS LIST

Hospital Head Beats Superior Officer in Quiz Before Service Board.

James B. Vining, city commissioner of charities and correction, will lose his $3,000 a year position unless two applicants drop from the civil service list of eligibles announced yesterday. Vining stands fifth on a list of seven.

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CLEVELAND AGOG ON SQUARE SALE

Consensus of Opinion Opposed to Idea; Mayor Baker Says 'Impossible.'

'Why Not Sell Parks and Art Museum, Too?' Asks Munson Havens.

All downtown Cleveland yesterday was discussing Councilman J. E. Smith's suggestion, made Thursday, that the Public square be sold for $8,000,000 to get funds to complete the group plan.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell said the city's title to selling rights of the square's acreage might be cleared up to permit the sale if the people want a sale. Service Director T. L. Sidlo favored the idea. Mayor Newton D. Baker said "impossible."

Councilmen, led by Jimmy McGinty of the ninth ward (the square is in the ninth), were practically unanimous the city couldn't and wouldn't sell.

"It all sounds like the green goods confidence stories one reads of in the dime paper backs," said Mr. McGinty. "Why not go out and peddle the whole park system? There's too much of a tendency to desire the commercialization of everything."

Flays Sale Plan.

Writing to the Plain Dealer R. Churchill Smith, 8122 Melrose-av N. E., said:

"Far better replace Garfield's tomb with a popcorn stand than blemish our landscape and block our air shaft with misplaced masonry.

"The mall would be fine. Sculpture is good—for sculptors—but let us not sell our birthright for a mess of pottage. We busy folks of big cities may possibly be lacking in our appreciation of natural beauty, sunlight and air, but we are not so steeped in commercialism and lacking in sentiment that we dispose of family heirlooms to buy accessories for the auto."

Said Secretary Munson Havens of the Chamber of Commerce:

"If we are going to sell the Public square why not go right ahead and sell Wade and Gordon parks, the animals in the Brookside zoo, rent the new art museum and the first floors of all our public schools for store rooms?"

Former Mayor Robert E. McKisson in his law offices, the Williamson building, fortified with a glass of buttermilk yesterday afternoon looked out over the square and reminisced.

Mr. McKisson remembered that when he was mayor, back in 1896, there was a proposition to build a new city hall on the square.

"I had the northeast corner fenced off. There was a howl of protest from the entire community. The fence came down and of course the hall didn't go up. It was really the germ of the mall plan idea. Cleveland will never stand for such a proposition."

Secretary Stanley L. McMichael of the Cleveland Real Estate Board, long a staunch adherent of the mall plan, declared Clevelanders will never allow the square to be wiped out so business blocks may be erected on the site.

"The square is one of Cleveland's great institutions," he said. "As the city grows and becomes more congested, the value of the square becomes more apparent. It provides a breathing space right at the vortex of traffic. It would be a colossal mistake for the city even to consider eliminating it.

"Twenty years from now the square will be twice as valuable as it is today. At that time Cleveland will doubtless be supplied with rapid transit facilities, operating underground, and the square will be a huge terminal station, where all diverging lines will meet and transfer traffic."

DAVIS AIDS QUIT FOR PARTY UNITY

Three Members of Mayoralty Campaign Committee Give Up Their Posts.

Seventy-Five Clevelanders Going to Canton to Help Welcome Pomerene.

"In behalf of Republican unity," three members of the general campaign committee of 150, named Thursday by Harry L. Davis, resigned yesterday, declaring the use of their names as committeemen is unauthorized.

They are Cornelius Maloney, Francis V. Brady and W. J. Delaney. They declare that until unity is brought about in the party they will not permit their names to be attached to the campaign of any candidate.

"Republican unity and the interest of every element of the party as a whole," said Mr. Maloney, "is a duty which overrides every consideration and is a principle from which I have never departed. Publication of my name as an unqualified supporter of any candidate at this time does not correctly present my position."

"I am now working for a charter amendment and a primary election," said Mr. Brady. "I am for any harmony candidate, whether by agreement of all elements or by primary nomination. Publication of my name as unreservedly supporting any candidate or faction at this time is incorrect."

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WOULD MEET DEFICIT

Councilmen Discuss Three Ways to Help City.

Three methods of meeting the big deficit that confronts the city in the operation of all departments were proposed at a meeting of council committees on finance and appropriations that took place yesterday in the office of Mayor Baker.

One suggestion, made by Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, leader of the minority branch of council, is that citizens of Cleveland be given an opportunity to vote on the question of issuing deficiency bonds at the coming fall election. The deficit will be nearly $1,500,000.

It further was proposed that the city adopt the policy of levying special assessments for cleaning and lighting of streets and for planting shade trees in streets.

A third suggestion was that the city retrench along all lines. This might mean the cutting down of the number of employes in every department and economies of operations in other directions. No decision was reached at yesterday's meeting.

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WRIGHT LEADS LIST

Hospital Head Beats Superior Officer in Quiz Before Service Board.

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SALEN RAPS CITY HEADS IN TAX ROW

Arraigns Officials for Trying to Force Revaluation.

POINTS OUT MISTAKES

Thinks Railway Assessment Should Be Collected to Make Up Deficit.

Criticisms of the recently appointed tax commissioners in Cleveland by city hall officials brought out a scorching reply from Commissioner Charles P. Salen Saturday.

In a signed statement Mr. Salen charged that the city administration is in a panic over its bankrupt financial condition and in desperation seeks to jam through a revaluation of city properties.

There is due from the traction company, the statement points out, $600,000 or more in back taxes, which could be used to relieve the stringency if collection could be forced.

Instead of collecting this huge sum and of making a deliberate revaluation of property the administration and former tax commissioners contented themselves with a hopeless attempt to collect $1,150,908 from John D. Rockefeller, Mr. Salen asserts.

Big Task Involved.

Readjustment of valuations is a heavy task and in addition to requiring a lengthy period of time the expense will exceed $140,000, he says. There is not time now for a satisfactory revaluation, the statement declares.

Henry J. Davies, treasurer of the Cleveland Railway Company, last night exhibited to The Leader two checks, one on the Citizens Savings and Trust Company and the other on the Cleveland Trust Company, each for $115,437.51, in favor of P. C. O'Brien, county treasurer.

These, according to Mr. Davies, had been tendered in payment of the 1914 taxes and had been returned. The company went through the same procedure in regard to its 1913 taxes.

"We made the tender of our taxes on what we thought a just valuation. The checks were returned to us. Thereupon we waited a reasonable time for the county treasurer to bring suit against us. This was not done and under instructions from the city council we brought suit ourselves to enjoin the collection of taxes on what we regarded as an unjust basis."

Last year's return of the tax valuation of the Cleveland Railway Company as fixed by the tax commission was $22,412,580. The railway company tendered its check on the basis of a valuation of $16,240,000.

Railway's Contention.

The tax bill, according to the county, would have been $318,624.61. The railway company's checks tendered totaled $230,875.02.

When the Tayler franchise went into effect the property had a physical valuation of $17,511,856. It had increased somewhat on this figure by 1913, but the railway company claimed, among other things, that it should not be taxed for the money it had expended in pavements.

The street railway commissioner and the city council sustained the railway company and the latter body ordered the company to enjoin collection of taxes on any amount above $19,000,000.

Mr. Salen's statement in full is as follows:

The anxiety shown by Mayor Baker and his compatriots for a material increase in the tax duplicate and the violent attempts to cover up the causes of the anxiety by deliberate falsification, warrant a statement of the truth to the people of Cleveland.

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1—A year ago in melodramatic style, a personal assessment of $1,150,908.48 was levied against John D. Rockefeller.

There wasn't a chance on earth for the collection of this assessment for at least a long time to come, if ever, but it was included in the year's receipts and was appropriated for various purposes.

Now the money has been spent when it was not paid in and the county has that much deficit, and, as the city has drawn on the county to help out the financial stringency of the Baker administration, there is now confronting both city and county a combined deficit that is mightily worrying those who are responsible for the situation. The outcry for an increased duplicate is the cry of desperation.

2—The second cause will be particularly edifying to the "modest home owner," who, if he fails to pay his taxes on time, gets his name in the relinquent list and learns that his property has been sold by the sheriff.

The Cleveland Railway Company has not paid any taxes into the county treasury since 1912. Its 1913 taxes, including the penalty, amount to $320,000. Its 1914 taxes amount to $290,000. This total amount of over $600,000 would go a long way toward taking care of the deficits.

For two years the taxpayers of the county have been paying the 6 per cent dividends to the stockholders of the company, as well as the big salaries of its officers.

And the failure to pay the taxes that were levied against it as they are levied against any other corporation or against the "modest home owner," was on the advice and behest of the city administration and the city's street railway commissioner.

It is perfectly natural that there should be an outcry for a bigger duplicate upon which to shift the burden. With the "organization" in absolute control of all branches of local government, the chances are that the "modest home owner." will keep right on paying the fat dividends and salaries of the railway people.

3—Unquestionably in such a growing city as Cleveland, there should be a general revaluation of land and buildings every four or five years. But this is a big job. In 1910 it took a force of 147 men working on both night and day shifts for six months, at an expense of $141,468.00 to fix the values of the city's real estate. During the past year the Baker organization was in full control of the taxing machinery of the county. It had a full year within which to make a complete reappraisement of city property.

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And Mr. Baker and his associates knew that during these two months the tax commissioners must, under the law, appraise and tabulate all of the 80,000 personal property returns of the county, must appraise 18,000 new or altered buildings, make 30,000 transfers of property upon the duplicate, adjust the value of 600 gas wells, write the entire 1915 duplicate, and do the scores of other things required to be done in these busy two months.

4—The business depression of the past year has caused a decline in nearly all industrial securities. Under such conditions, wisdom dictates a policy of economy and retrenchment. But no such policy applies to those who shape the cost of government in Cleveland. When retrenchment is suggested, there comes a quick reply that such a thing is impossible. With the full knowledge of certain deficit, not a material move has been made toward having the city government live within its means. There is only the cry for a bigger duplicate and a bigger tax rate.

And the "modest home-owner," to whom the tearful plea of correcting great injustice is always made, will, with every revaluation and with every change in rate, be called upon to deposit more of his hard-earned savings into the public treasury in order to maintain the waste.

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KIDDIES MARCH AND SING FOR CLEAN-UP

Twelve Hundred Youngsters Parade and Hear Talks at Central Armory.

'You Must Help to Make Cleveland Clean,' Says Mayor.

"Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll hold a cleaning bee.
Hurrah! Hurrah! Of filth we'll soon be free,
If everyone will do their part and clean all dirt they see
While we are brightening up Cleveland."

The lusty voices of 1,200 youngsters filled Central armory with this chorus yesterday afternoon, following a march through the downtown streets in the interest of the city's clean-up campaign.

The regiment of children, headed by the Hiram house band, constitute the first public demonstration in the campaign against dirt, to start Monday and run till April 30.

Several paint and window glass manufacturing concerns provided costumes for some of the squads, which together with the small "white wings" and the khaki uniforms of the boy scouts, made the procession a picturesque one. Banners of all descriptions, fly swatters, brooms and rakes were carried by the little marchers.

The line of march started at Sumner-av S. E. and E. 9th-st, going to Prospect-av S. E., to Public square, to Euclid-av, to E. 9th-st, to Superior-av N. E., to E. 6th-st to Central armory.

At the armory Mayor Baker, Gus Hanna, superintendent of street cleaning; De Lo Mook, scout master, and William Downie, chairman of the citizens' clean-up committee, made speeches.

"It's up to you to help," Mayor Baker told the youngsters, when they finally got quieted down. "If we are going to make Cleveland a clean city we need enthusiasm, we need your active help. We have learned a good many things about dirt and rubbish lately. We have learned that they are not only unsightly, but dangerous. A clean city means a healthy city."

Mayor Baker emphasized the necessity for helping in the fly campaign. Incidentally he took a gentle fling at the institution of the "Saturday night bath."

"I hope the time will come when we won't need to have a spring clean-up campaign—that we'll be so clean all the year round we won't need to set aside a definite time for it. It's just like the Saturday night bath—if we bathe every day we can dispense with the weekly scrub."

Supt. Hanna encouraged the children and told them that he welcomed all co-operation.

"We have the wagons, the horses and now we need your enthusiasm," he said.

H. C. Swartz and E. C. Wilson led the choruses, after which the lunch boxes, each containing two sandwiches, a piece of pie, an orange, a piece of cake and a box of peanuts, were distributed.

Monday will be clean-up day in the public schools, 75,000 circulars having been distributed to the principals. The teachers will give brief talks on the campaign.

BAKER IS ROASTED FOR TAX DEMAND

Salen Says Mayor Asks Reappraisal Because City Didn't Economize.

Calls Predecessors' John D. Assessment Mere Melodrama.

In answer to the demands of the city administration for a reappraisal of real estate in Cuyahoga county, Deputy State Tax Commissioner Charles P. Salen yesterday attacked Mayor Newton D. Baker and the administration in a scorching statement.

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DAVIS WON'T NAME SLATE FOR COUNCIL

Follows Decision of Witt, Though Both Parties Will Select List.

Republican Campaign Committee of 150 May Meet This Week.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, will not have a slate of candidates for council, according to a declaration yesterday.

"I won't have time to take a hand in the councilmanic fights, and do not expect to," Mr. Davis said.

It has already been announced Peter Witt will run without a preferred list of contenders for council. The Democratic county organization, at least so far as represented in Democratic ward clubs, however, is expected to back a chosen twenty-six, and assertions were yesterday that the Republican organization would have a list to push in conjunction with the Davis campaign.

The end of this week may see the first meeting of the general campaign committee of 150 announced last week by Mr. Davis, although it is possible the candidate will be unable to arrange the session before next Monday or Tuesday. He wishes to prepare subcommittees on finance and organization and line up an executive committee before calling the general committee together.

Regarding the withdrawal from his committee of several men whose names were announced on the committee lists, Mr. Davis asserted yesterday every man whose name was made public by him as a committeeman had signed an acceptance saying he would serve.

Gordon W. Ruthenberg, candidate for council in Ward 20, withdrew from the Davis campaign list yesterday. "As a candidate for council I do not feel I can serve on anyone's committee," he said. Cornelius Maloney, Francis V. Brady and W. J. Delaney withdrew Friday.

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On the political calendar for the coming week is the expiration of the time set by Francis V. Brady for the return of petitions in circulation to amend the city charter to eliminate its nonpartisan features. The next few days will develop definitely whether Cleveland electors are to vote on the proposal this spring or summer.

Ten days ago Mr. Brady issued a call for the turning in of all petitions tomorrow, which was the date on which he said he expected to file them. In making the announcement, Mr. Brady said he had nearly 10,000 of the required 11,000 names. If the petitions are filed as planned, it will be up to council to set a day for a special election when the voters will decide for or against the proposed amendment.

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Miner G. Norton yesterday temporarily put aside his organization plans until after his return from New York, where he is to be today on legal business that may keep him east the remainder of the week.

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WITT BLAMES COX BOARD FOR TAX SUIT DELAY

Declares Car Company Fights for Principle in Refusing to Pay $600,000, but Assessors Keep Out of Court.

SALEN INQUIRES WHY ISSUE IS NOT FORCED

City Officials Silent on His Charge That Big Boost Is Sought to Save Administration.

The state tax commission appointed by former Governor Cox was blamed for the delay in the collection of $600,000 back taxes, due from the Cleveland Railway Company, by Peter Witt, street railway commissioner, yesterday, in coming to the defense of the company's action in refusing to pay its taxes.

Witt declared the street car company was "fighting for a principle" in enjoining the collection of its taxes for 1913 and 1914, and took the court action in an effort to "smoke out" the former state tax commission. He stated that he heartily approved of the company's move.

Whether the company goes on indefinitely refusing to pay its taxes depends solely on whether the state tax commission will come into court and explain the methods it used in arriving at a valuation of the public utility, the city's railway commissioner said.

Salen Would Force Issue.

The appearance of the commission in court and a forced explanation of the basis of the railway company's appraisal is the principle involved, Witt said. The county prosecutor attempted many times to get the former tax board to defend its position, he stated.

County Tax Commissioner Salen declared last night that the state tax commission valued Cleveland Railway Company property by the same method it appraised other Ohio corporations. He called it a "peculiar circumstance" that the local public utility was the only one of its kind in the county and probably the state that had refused to consent to the commission's valuation.

"The county treasurer ought to force the suits to an issue," said

Mrs. Inouke Senno, the first woman bank president in the history of Japan began her banking career less

About People

Charles Hoffbauer, the artist, who, while a student in Paris won a second medal at the Salon with his first picture, is now at the front with his regiment in France. For two years prior to the war breaking out he was engaged in making some elaborate decorative work for the Richmond Confederate memorial.

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CUT EXPENSES, MAYOR'S ORDER

Department Heads Protest That They Can't Retrench.

"Expenses must be pruned in every city department."

Mayor Baker announced Monday that he will give this order to department heads at a meeting Tuesday. Directors all come back at the mayor with declarations that they cannot afford to economize.

Baker's announcement was the first economy order of the year. With a deficit of $1,055,000 to meet city officials said the 1915 tax revenue will be $400,000 less than they had hoped.

Finance Director Coughlin said he might save a little in his department by leaving vacant the place of the employe who is to be promoted to city treasurer in place of William Damm, resigned.

Welfare Director Cooley offered Baker less encouragement than Coughlin.

"A cut in my department will mean taking food from the poor and shelter from the sick," he said.

Safer Benesch said a reduction in the fire and police departments is impossible.

"A reduction in my department will mean dirty and unrepaired streets and no lights on 30 or 40 miles of new streets," Server Sidlo objected when he heard of Mayor Baker's economy order."

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SEES TAX FRE STREET RAILWA IN BAKER FIGH

County Officials Also Belie Mayor Ready to Sacrifi Big Return to Save Fare

The Baker administration has aiding the Cleveland Railway C pany in its fight to escape taxa on a valuation $3,000,000 to $4,00 lower than the company's own st ment of its worth, Tax Commissio Salen was told Monday. Salen's swer to city officials who rapped new tax board for failure to re Cleveland, stirred up the trouble.

The information came to Salen County Auditor Zangerle, who clared the railway was grossly un valued even on the figures to w it objects; and from County T urer O'Brien, who said he ha pressed suits to collect back because Mayor Baker and other officials were trying to get the tax commission to agree on a promise valuation of the proper

To Be Tax Free?

Salen professes to see in the la of the city administration in pres tax claims against the railway pany, an effort to arrange thing that in the future the railway pany will not be required to pay tax, but will be a tax free cor tion like the municipal light pla

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The county treasurer is preve from collecting $600,000 from railway company for 1913 and by two injunction suits, one of w has been pending since June 5, year.

"Mayor Baker, Tractioner Witt other officials have been tryin have the state tax commission promise on $13,000,000 as the v of the line," O'Brien says.

"I understand the railway pany is willing to let a $13,00 valuation stand without a fight, said.

Prosecutor Locher, Monday s number of continuances have granted while the "get together" forts were being tried. The tax mission has stood pat on its v tions.

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Republican Campaign Committee of 150 May Meet This Week.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, will not have a slate of candidates for council, according to a declaration yesterday.

"I won't have time to take a hand in the councilmanic fights, and do not expect to," Mr. Davis said.

It has already been announced Peter Witt will run without a preferred list of contenders for council. The Democratic county organization, at least so far as represented in Democratic ward clubs, however, is expected to back a chosen twenty-six, and assertions were yesterday that the Republican organization would have a list to push in conjunction with the Davis campaign.

The end of this week may see the first meeting of the general campaign committee of 150 announced last week by Mr. Davis, although it is possible the candidate will be unable to arrange the session before next Monday or Tuesday. He wishes to prepare subcommittees on finance and organization and line up an executive committee before calling the general committee together.

Regarding the withdrawal from his committee of several men whose names were announced on the committee lists, Mr. Davis asserted yesterday every man whose name was made public by him as a committeeman had signed an acceptance saying he would serve.

Gordon W. Ruthenberg, candidate for council in Ward 20, withdrew from the Davis campaign list yesterday. "As a candidate for council I do not feel I can serve on anyone's committee," he said. Cornelius Maloney, Francis V. Brady and W. J. Delaney withdrew Friday.

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On the political calendar for the coming week is the expiration of the time set by Francis V. Brady for the return of petitions in circulation to amend the city charter to eliminate its nonpartisan features. The next few days will develop definitely whether Cleveland electors are to vote on the proposal this spring or summer.

Ten days ago Mr. Brady issued a call for the turning in of all petitions tomorrow, which was the date on which he said he expected to file them. In making the announcement, Mr. Brady said he had nearly 10,000 of the required 11,000 names. If the petitions are filed as planned, it will be up to council to set a day for a special election when the voters will decide for or against the proposed amendment.

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Miner G. Norton yesterday temporarily put aside his organization plans until after his return from New York, where he is to be today on legal business that may keep him east the remainder of the week.

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WITT BLAMES COX BOARD FOR TAX SUIT DELAY

Declares Car Company Fights for Principle in Refusing to Pay $600,000, but Assessors Keep Out of Court.

SALEN INQUIRES WHY ISSUE IS NOT FORCED

City Officials Silent on His Charge That Big Boost Is Sought to Save Administration.

The state tax commission appointed by former Governor Cox was blamed for the delay in the collection of $600,000 back taxes, due from the Cleveland Railway Company, by Peter Witt, street railway commissioner, yesterday, in coming to the defense of the company's action in refusing to pay its taxes.

Witt declared the street car company was "fighting for a principle" in enjoining the collection of its taxes for 1913 and 1914, and took the court action in an effort to "smoke out" the former state tax commission. He stated that he heartily approved of the company's move.

Whether the company goes on indefinitely refusing to pay its taxes depends solely on whether the state tax commission will come into court and explain the methods it used in arriving at a valuation of the public utility, the city's railway commissioner said.

Salen Would Force Issue.

The appearance of the commission in court and a forced explanation of the basis of the railway company's appraisal is the principle involved, Witt said. The county prosecutor attempted many times to get the former tax board to defend its position, he stated.

County Tax Commissioner Salen declared last night that the state tax commission valued Cleveland Railway Company property by the same method it appraised other Ohio corporations. He called it a "peculiar circumstance" that the local public utility was the only one of its kind in the county and probably the state that had refused to consent to the commission's valuation.

"The county treasurer ought to force the suits to an issue," said Salen. "No one seems to [illegible] they stand or what actio[illegible] taken. The tax commis[illegible] assess property but cann[illegible] collection of taxes."

The city administration [illegible] terday to answer Salen's [illegible] issued Saturday, in which he ch[illegible] that the "organization's" cry fo[illegible] big boost in the city duplicate th[illegible] year was the administration's only means of attempting to stave off the bankruptcy its wasteful spending policy was to blame for. Mayor Baker declined to comment on Salen's charges.

Reappraisal Question Up Today.

The work of assessing personal property having been gotten well under way the first two weeks of the present county tax commission's administration, Commissioners Ruhl and Salen will take up the question of reappraising real property today. They will make a careful survey of the situation, and by Saturday expect to announce definitely what sections of the county will be revalued.

The commissioners will meet Bay View villagers today for the purpo[illegible] of fixing a basis for revaluation [illegible] the real property of that muni[illegible] ity. Tomorrow night the [illegible] sioners and Cleveland He[illegible] payers and officials will h[illegible] meeting in the village t[illegible] which complaints on in[illegible] the real property assessm[illegible] heard.

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CUT EXPENSES, MAYOR'S ORDER

Department Heads Protest That They Can't Retrench.

"Expenses must be pruned in every city department."

Mayor Baker announced Monday that he will give this order to department heads at a meeting Tuesday. Directors all come back at the mayor with declarations that they cannot afford to economize.

Baker's announcement was the first economy order of the year. With a deficit of $1,055,000 to meet city officials said the 1915 tax revenue will be $400,000 less than they had hoped.

Finance Director Coughlin said he might save a little in his department by leaving vacant the place of the employe who is to be promoted to city treasurer in place of William Damm, resigned.

Welfare Director Cooley offered Baker less encouragement than Coughlin.

"A cut in my department will mean taking food from the poor and shelter from the sick," he said.

Safer Benesch said a reduction in the fire and police departments is impossible.

"A reduction in my department will mean dirty and unrepaired streets and no lights on 30 or 40 miles of new streets," Server Sidlo objected when he heard of Mayor Baker's economy order."

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Mayor Ready to Sacri[illegible] Big Return to Save Fare

The Baker administration has [illegible] aiding the Cleveland Railway C[illegible] pany in its fight to escape taxa[illegible] on a valuation $3,000,000 to $4,00[illegible] lower than the company's own st[illegible] ment of its worth, Tax Commissi[illegible] Salen was told Monday. Salen's [illegible] swer to city officials who rapped [illegible] new tax board for failure to rev[illegible] Cleveland, stirred up the trouble.

The information came to Salen [illegible] County Auditor Zangerle, who [illegible] clared the railway was grossly un[illegible] valued even on the figures to w[illegible] it objects; and from County T[illegible] urer O'Brien, who said he ha[illegible] pressed suits to collect back [illegible] because Mayor Baker and other [illegible] officials were trying to get the [illegible] tax commission to agree on a [illegible] promise valuation of the proper[illegible]

To Be Tax Free?

Salen professes to see in the l[illegible] of the city administration in pre[illegible] tax claims against the railway [illegible] pany, an effort to arrange thing[illegible] that in the future the railway [illegible] pany will not be required to pay [illegible] tax, but will be a tax free cor[illegible] tion like the municipal light pla[illegible]

Zangerle saw in Baker's and [illegible] cil's attitude, only fear that a [illegible] tax valuation would imperil t[illegible] cent fare.

The county treasurer is preve[illegible] from collecting $600,000 from [illegible] railway company for 1913 and [illegible] by two injunction suits, one of w[illegible] has been pending since June 5[illegible] year.

"Mayor Baker, Tractioner Witt [illegible] other officials have been tryin[illegible] have the state tax commission [illegible] promise on $19,000,000 as the [illegible] of the line," O'Brien says.

"I understand the railway [illegible] pany is willing to let a $19,00[illegible] valuation stand without a fight [illegible] said.

Prosecutor Locher, Monday s[illegible] number of continuances have [illegible] granted while the "get together [illegible] forts were being tried. The tax [illegible] mission has stood pat on its v[illegible] tions.

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CITY RETRENCHMENT ORDERED BY MAYOR

$900,000 Loan Is Made Necessary by Deficit in Treasury and Bonded Debt Is Increased by $2,047,000.

Retrenchment orders were issued by Mayor Baker yesterday, as the city was forced to sell $900,000 worth of short-time notes to meet deficits in this year's operating expenses. A meeting of departmental directors was arranged for today to discuss economy plans.

Money borrowed yesterday will run the city only to September 1, when another loan will have to be made, unless retrenchments are made. The notes were sold to Curtiss & Sanger, Chicago, who offered a premium of $3,852 for the lot. Twelve other bids were received.

The city also increased its bonded debt by $2,047,000. Competition for the securities was the keenest in years. Twelve bond houses submitted bids. The entire lot was awarded to a New York syndicate, composed of Robert Winthrop & Co., and Colgate Parker & Co. The successful bids were as follows:

One hundred thousand-dollar grade crossing, $102,500; $200,000 fire department, $204,920; $117,000 street improvement, $118,930; $900,000 street improvement, $914,850; $30,000 garbage, $30,381; $100,000 park improvement, $102,700; $600,000 Cuyahoga river purification, $619,500.

Grade crossing bonds are for the elimination of the Lake Shore crossing at E. 105th st. and the Nickel Plate crossing at Ivanhoe rd.

Fire department bonds will be used to reimburse the waterworks division for building of the high pressure pumping station. River purification bonds are for sewage disposal plants.

It will be impossible to market more sewage disposal bonds unless the state legislature removes interest levies for bonds issued under orders from the state board of health from the Smith 15-mill limitation, according to Sanitary Engineer Pratt. These bonds already are exempted from the bonded debt limitation of 5 per cent of the tax duplicate.

COUNCIL TAKES FIRST STEP FOR E. 123D ST. LINE

Votes to Appropriate Property to Widen Thoroughfare Despite Charges of Promoting Real Estate Project.

PAYNE EXTENSION DIES WHEN 3 CHANGE SIDES

Extra Fees for Stinchcomb Approved; Illuminating Appraisal Plan Killed.

Appropriation of land for widening E. 123d st. was authorized by the city council last night, in face of charges that the city was promoting an allotment project at the expense of car riders.

The acquiring of property at Superior ave. and Lakeview rd. is part of the project to extend the Superior ave. car line along E. 123d st. to St. Clair ave. Legislation authorizing appropriation proceedings brought forth the hottest debate in months. It was finally carried by a vote of seventeen to eight. Opponents announced that the fight against the car line would continue.

Payne Extension Dies.

The council defeated the Wood ordinance authorizing the extension of the Payne ave. car line to E. 105th st., after a complete faceabout by three members of the street railway committee.

A resolution allow County Engineer Stinchcomb extra architect's fees for Edgewater park bathhouse plans was approved after the proposal had been attacked in committee meetings. Councilman Moylan's resolution accepting the proposition of the Illuminating company to pay half of the cost of appraisal of the company's property was killed.

Trading of fourteen acres of Shaker Lakes park land to Kenyon V. Painter for forty acres in two boulevard strips extending from Shaker Lakes to Center rd., was proposed in legislation given a first reading. Opposition to the trade was announced by Councilman Townes.

Baker for Project.

Councilmen McGinty, Damm, Stolte and FitzGerald led in the fight against the cross-town line project. Mayor Baker declared that the council was committed to building the line through a resolution adopted a year ago.

Councilman FitzGerald said that members who voted a year ago in favor of a car line on this street at some future date did so in ignorance.

Koch, Reynolds and Stolte, members of the street railway committee, which had previously approved the Payne ave. extension, voted against the project last night. Mayor Baker, backing up Street Railway Commissioner Witt, told the council committee in the afternoon that the expenditure was unjustified.

Only a veiled reference to the possible sale of the Public Square was made in a resolution by Councilman Smith. The resolution, referred to committee, asked that the city plan commission consider dividing the city into residential, business and manufacturing districts and prepare plans for the best possible development of civic centers.

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WITT WINS BATTLE ON RAIL PROJECTS

Council Votes for Extension of Proposed E. 123d-st Cross Town Line.

Defeats Proposal to Extend Hough-av Line to E. 105th-st Level.

Two street railway battles at last night's meeting of council centering about projects under discussion more than a year, resulted in victories for Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt and administration forces of council.

A long fought battle over the appropriation of property needed for the extension of the proposed E. 123d-st cross town line terminated in a favorable vote of 17 to 8. A resolution authorizing the extension of the Hough-av N. E. tracks to the E. 105th-st level was defeated by a vote of 13 to 10.

Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt is in favor of the cross town project and opposed to the Hough-av extension. Councilmen opposing the former project asserted at last night's meeting that the extension of a new cross town line in territory that is not built up would jeopardize 3-cent fare. It further was argued the improvement merely would benefit real estate interests at this time.

"Projects needed in the populated sections of the city should be cared for first," said Councilman J. J. McGinty.

Mayor Baker pointed out that a year ago council adopted a resolution agreeing to authorize the construction of tracks in the street as soon as the street was dedicated.

"The only argument for the passage of this measure tonight is based on the resolution adopted a year ago which council approved in sublime ignorance," said Councilman W. S. FitzGerald. "I blame the street railway committee for that sort of thing. The resolution received its approval."

Councilmen J. E. Smith and William Rolf defended the ordinance and declared the new cross town line was an absolute necessity.

There was little debate concerning the Hough-av extension. At the street railway committee meeting in the afternoon Mayor Baker announced he agreed with the street railway commissioner that the expenditure was not warranted at this time and suggested that the company construct a ramp for pedestrians instead of extending the tracks to the lower lever.

Councilman W. B. Woods demanded a vote when an adverse report on the resolution was received last evening. The Twentieth Ward Improvement club is planning to renew its fight for the Hough-av extension.

A resolution by Councilman David Moylan calling on the deputy state tax commissioners to reappraise Cleveland real estate this year in order to increase the city's revenue was adopted in the face of opposition from Councilman Woods.

Council adopted a resolution by Councilman J. J. McGinty asking the law department to report on the advisability of passing an ordinance requiring insurance companies to pay the cost of the fire prevention bureau.

In the opinion of Councilman McGinty the ordinance authorizing the fire department to file suit against persons whose carelessness causes fires, should be held up pending a decision on the proposed fire insurance measure.

A resolution reducing the fare for residents of the annexed section of Euclid from 8 cents to 6 cents was adopted by unanimous vote. The expenditure of $99,500 for an additional car building at E. 55th-st and Harvard-av S. E., was authorized in a resolution offered last evening.

The council committee on lighting submitted an adverse report on the resolution suggesting a division of the cost of reappraising the property of the illuminating company, between the city and company. In the opinion of the committee the burden should be assumed by the state.

An ordinance authorizing an exchange of Shaker park land, between the city and Kenyon V. Painter, was introduced. Mr. Painter has suggested the city give him fifteen acres of land near the Upper Shaker lake for a forty-seven-acre tract, which would extend the boulevard as far east as Center-rd.

Council approved the payment of an additional $695.62 to County Surveyor W. A. Stinchcomb for preparation of plans for the Edgewater bath house.

CUT EXPENSE, SAYS BAKER

Mayor Will Urge Retrenchment Policy on All Departments.

Heads of all city departments are to be told by Mayor Baker and Finance Director Thomas Coughlin today that a policy of retrenchment is to be adopted along all lines. Cutting of departmental expenditures will be advised.

The mayor arranged yesterday for individual meetings with the directors. Unless there are cuts in department operating costs the deficit for the year may run to $1,500,000, instead of $1,055,000 as at first estimated. A shortage in the receipts from taxation will contribute to this increased deficit.

Council members are opposing a pending ordinance authorizing an appropriation of funds for the appointment of an inspector to inforce the ordinance regulating private employment agencies.

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Nor did he see anything new or startling in du Pont's statement that present methods of valuing public utilities are all wrong, and that the value of service, instead of reproduction cost, is paramount; "old stuff," he termed it in substance.

But other city hall folk, particularly municipal light engineers, were not resting quite so easy. They realized that du Pont is more conversant with the city system's working than any other person except Ballard, and were wondering what effect du Pont's employ with the Illuminating company will have in the coming three-cent light battle.

"I'm not at all surprised that du Pont is in the service of the Illuminating company," Baker said. "It is the practice of all corporations to have the most efficient men."

Further, Baker admitted ideas similar to those advanced by du Pont already have been put out by John Bates Clarke, professor at Columbia university, New York.

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Wright, following a conference with Baker Wednesday, said he still is determined not to withdraw. Cooley plans to importune him and W. H. Winans, his secretary, to withdraw so as to permit Vining to move up to third place and be eligible for appointment.

It also was reported at city hall Wednesday that Vining's and Wright's present jobs will be combined, with Wright in charge.

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Members See in Little's Election Probable Healing of Long-Standing Breach.

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At his inaugural Tuesday night Little pleaded for closer harmony between the chamber and the city administration.

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This statement was made yesterday by Secretary Munson Havens in answer to rumors that Mayor Newton D. Baker would renew his membership in the chamber as the result of its selecting his friend and charter commission associate, Bascom Little, as president.

Mayor Baker had nothing to say. Other than to state that his association with the chamber for the present would be limited to a fishing excursion to the Florida Keys with the organization's new president, he would not discuss the chamber. The mayor and Mr. Little left for the south last night.

Mayor Baker will remain on the trip a week. On his return to the city arrangements will be made for an important new union depot meeting.

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City to Get Right of Way for Belt Line and Roadway if Tube is Granted.

Company Promises to Dig Subway From Lake Front at Once.

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Representatives of the O. C. Barber interests declare the $10,000,000 subway improvement can be financed within four weeks after the passage of the grant and that work will be pushed without delay.

While the grant was under discussion Chamber of Commerce representatives meeting with Mayor Newton D. Baker were asking that action on the ordinance be deferred to give a chamber committee time to study the franchise. A meeting will be held in the mayor's office a week from Wednesday. F. H. Goff, Attorney George B. Siddall, Mayor Baker and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo attended the conference.

Plans for the proposed lake front development from E. 53d-st to a point 1,200 feet east of E. 55th-st, that is a part of the Barber subway project, were explained by representatives of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. yesterday at the meeting in the council chamber.

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Senator Hopple explained his position in a typewritten statement which he read and then had entered on the journal. In it he declared that although he had been advised last Saturday by Mayor Baker who, in turn, had conferred with Commissioner Witt, that the Ott bill "will not of itself jeopardize low fare in Cleveland," he was still unconvinced and feared its effects.

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CONDEMNS BURR GONGWER

Oppose Choice for Collector of Customs as Disciple of Bossism.

Charles P. Salen was formally put forward as a Democratic candidate for mayor in opposition to Peter Witt in resolutions adopted last night by eighty-two Democratic ward leaders who met to revive the Cuyahoga Democracy.

Peter Witt was denounced by the gathering and sharp protest was registered against the appointment of W. Burr Gongwer as collector of customs for the Cleveland district.

Salen Not Present.

Salen did not attend the meeting, which was held at 412 W. Superior ave., nor did he have any personal representative present to indicate what would be his attitude on the urgent demand of the assemblage that he enter the lists for the mayoralty against the traction commissioner.

A resolution protesting against Gongwer on the grounds that his selection "would be offensive to a large majority of the Democrats of this county, upon whom he has undertaken to foist a system of bossism and coercion which is foreign to the spirit of democracy," was read but not acted on. The spirit of it was endorsed by the members, individually, however.

The resolution charged that Gongwer has utilized his position as secretary of the board of elections to build and support a political machine and that his record in office makes him entirely unfit for the position he seeks.

Charge Office Seeking.

"Nominally a Republican," read the resolution, "his only interest in the Democratic party has been to secure lucrative offices and emoluments."

The purpose of the organization was expressed in the resolution which declared reorganization of the Cuyahoga Democracy vital to the maintenance of true Democratic principles and policies.

"We're against Witt because he has never been a Democrat and has never done anything except slander others, including Tom Johnson," said Chairman McKee.

A committee of five was named to call on Salen this morning, tender him the resolution of endorsement and if possible draw from him a statement as to whether he will be a candidate.

The "administration bunch" in the city hall, the civil service commission and Dr. Harris R. Cooley, director of public welfare, came in for especially hot words from the Democrats.

McKee Is Chairman.

Thomas M. McKee acted as chairman of the meeting and Andrew Orleman, as secretary. The constitution and by-laws of the Cuyahoga Democracy adopted in 1903 were adopted pending revision by a committee of seven named for this purpose.

A mass meeting to protest to President Wilson against Gongwer's appointment to the customs job was arranged for the near future. This will probably be held in the Public Square.

Dr. Cooley was criticized for his efforts to retain James B. Vining as superintendent of charities and correction despite the fact that the latter stood fifth in the civil service examination for the place.

The reorganization will be completed at a meeting next Wednesday night.

C. OF C. PUTS MAYOR ON COURT CONGRESS BODY

A step toward reconciliation between Mayor Baker and the Chamber of Commerce was taken yesterday when Bascom Little, new president of the chamber, named Baker honorary chairman of a citizens' committee to arrange for the world's court congress here beginning May 12.

George W. Kinney is executive chairman of the committee and J. A. House is treasurer. Governors of thirty-one states will attend the congress as will former President Taft, Alton B. Parker and John Hays Hammond among others.

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SALEN, URGED TO RUN FOR MAYOR, REQUESTS TIME

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REPUBLICAN LEADERS OF WARDS IN SESSION

Judge Baer Addresses Newton D. Baker Club at Woodland Ave. Hall.

Charles P. Salen yesterday told a committee of seven, representing the revived Cuyahoga Democracy, which launched a Salen mayoralty boom Thursday night by indorsing him as an entrant against Peter Witt, that he would announce his decision in a few weeks. Press of tax work has made it impossible for him to give it consideration, he said.

"We think you are the proper man to be the Democratic candidate for mayor," said W. A. Kelly, heading the Democracy delegation.

At an organization meeting next week precinct captains will be elected, instead of appointed, as under the present system.

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Francis V. Brady's proposed amendment to the city charter, eliminating the nonpartisan features, will not be voted on at a special election but must wait the regular fall election as a result of his failure to file petitions by April 20. This was the time limit, according to City Clerk Collins. Brady has practically all of the 11,000 names required.

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"The Municipal Court and Its Object," was the subject of Municipal Judge Baer speaking before the Twelfth Ward Newton D. Baker Club at a meeting in Royal hall, 5219 Woodland ave., last night.

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SALEN 'CONSIDERS' RACE

Tells Delegation He is Too Busy to Make Decision.

True Democracy league Democrats who waited on County Tax Commissioner Charles P. Salen yesterday to urge him to enter the mayoralty race received nothing more tangible than a promise to consider the request.

"The best service I can render the public at this time is as tax commissioner," Mr. Salen told the deputation.

Speaking for County Tax Commissioner James B. Ruhl and himself, Mr. Salen added: "We have been plunged into a tremendous amount of work here and I can scarcely be expected for several weeks at least to think of any political questions."

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$425,000 PLOT IN CITY GARAGE IS MONEY LOSER

Republican councilmen, aroused at complaints of operating deficits set up by Mayor Baker and Finance Director Coughlin, Saturday investigated receipts from the municipal auto storage yard at Rockwell ave. and E. 3d st., and learned that from property worth $425,000 the city is deriving a gross income of 4 per cent on $46,000. They recommended the parcel be leased if mall site plans aren't put through within six months.

Storage rentals at fifteen cents a day totaled $7.05 in January, $7.35 in February, $29.55 in March and $55.35 up to April 20. The entire year's income will amount to $1,800, service department officials insisted. In addition, from the street car restaurant at the Chamber of Commerce corner the city derives $240 a year, boosting the entire income to $2,040 annually.

But to offset this, councilmen learned salaries paid employees in the city garage on one corner are $2,700 a year—$1,200 to a chief repairman, $780 to his assistant and $720 to a washer. Added to their work of caring for city machines they clean city officials' cars and keep them filled with oil and gasoline. A dozen officials, from Mayor Baker down, have accounts with the Standard Oil Company through the city garage, records at city hall show.

"If the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines don't pay the city $1,400,000 for a new station site this summer they will remove the only immediate source of revenue for putting through the mall for some time," declared Councilman Woods Saturday. "In that case, the city could lease the garage land for four or five years and at least bring in more money than the storage yard does. The land is too valuable to be kept idle."

William H. Kirby, Service Director Sidlo's secretary, believes the city can not lease the parcel for a short time. The $2,040 income is the interest on $46,000, he figured, and the city couldn't do much better, he declared.

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BULKLEY TO OPEN BATTLE FOR WITT

Ex-Congressman, Back in City, Rallies Democratic Organization This Week.

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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt and members of the Democratic county executive committee are about ready to get together on a line-up for the candidate's campaign for mayor. The committee will be called into session for an early conference with Mr. Witt to discuss definite plans.

Former Congressman R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the committee, will head the campaign of the Democratic organization. He is back in Cleveland to stay, and may summon the committee to a meeting this week.

The meeting will be the first conference between the street railway commissioner and Democratic organization leaders, and will mark the actual start-off of the Witt fight.

There is to be a discussion of campaign finances in addition to consideration of organization activities. The organization plans to put Witt petitions in the hands of precinct committeemen May 1.

As Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton both look forward to active work beginning May 1, that date may be regarded as the official launching of the 1915 Cleveland campaign, and for six months it will be open season for political game.

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"They will be filed, but not until later," Mr. Brady said yesterday. "We haven't quite the required 11,000 names."

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"I realize the situation is an extremely precarious one," Cooley added. "By the very nature of the department we come in such close contact with the people any curtailment of activities will have a widespread effect. It is pitiable to think of refusing tuberculars, or of depriving old folk who have been at Warrensville for some years of their shelter, but if my department must retrench there is only one means."

BAKER O K'S WAR ON NICKEL PLATE

Law Director Stockwell declared Saturday the plea of Nickel Plate officials that the financial stringency is preventing their proceeding with West Side grade crossing elimination won't hold water in court. Continued refusal to begin work, for nearly five years, knocks the bottom out of that, he said.

Following a conference with Stockwell, Mayor Baker Saturday declared he was in favor of Stockwell's method of procedure. Stockwell Friday filed in common pleas court the council ordinance approved August 22, 1914, whereby it was agreed that the work was to begin "forthwith."

If the road still refuses to an immediate start Stockwell Thursday will go into common pleas court and demand an injunction preventing Nickel Plate trains from passing over grade crossings specified in elimination plans.

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MAYOR ATTACKS ILLUMINATING CO.

Says It Has Shown 'Contemptuous Disregard of Community's Wishes.'

Raps Failure to Report on Earnings Above 3-Cent Rate.

Charges by Mayor Newton D. Baker that the illuminating company has shown a contemptuous disregard of the desire of the community to know what its earnings are and that its behavior in the community "has been scandalous in the highest degree," marked a heated debate at last night's meeting of city council.

The debate took place between the mayor and Councilman W. S. Fitz-Gerald during a discussion of the pending resolution calling upon the state public utilities commission to ascertain the earnings of the company in excess of the 3-cent rate fixed by council a year ago.

The company has declined to make public its earnings in excess of the 3-cent charge at the request of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. The state utilities commission, appealed to later by the director, declined to make the demand for this statement on the strength of his informal request, and the director suggested last evening that the council make the appeal direct to the state commission. The introduction of the resolution followed.

The purpose of the measure is to ascertain whether the $1,000,000 bond filed by the company at the time of its appeal to the state commission would be sufficient to reimburse consumers in the event the commission upholds council in its rate regulation.

Councilman FitzGerald charged that the resolution had a political tinge. In addition, he charged the city has set the illuminating company a bad example by refusing to open its own books to public inspection.

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What Mayor Baker Thinks of Two Bills Before Legislature

Here is what Mayor Baker thinks of the Behne and Myers bills, now before the legislature:

By Newton D. Baker

Mayor of Cleveland.

The public utility lobby in this state has for years fought every form of popular government.

Holding valuable public privileges, this lobby believes in government by the privileged in the interest of privilege.

The constitutional amendments were the first great rebuke to this lobby, its theory and its practices.

In each session of the legislature, however, we find the lobby active. Now it is attempting thru such bills as the Myers bill and the Behne bill to cripple the cities and the people of Ohio in the use of the new freedom obtained thru the constitutional amendments.

The Myers bill would expose every small municipal electric light plant in the state to constant expense from litigation and would enable those hostile to municipal ownership to drive many of them out of business, with great loss to the people.

The Behne bill restricts and embarrasses the credit of cities so as to make substantially impossible either the construction of new municipal plants or the extension of old ones.

Both bills are vicious; both come from sources opposed to the public interest, and neither of them can be passed unless the legislature is either imposed upon or has abandoned its duty as the representative of the people of the state.

SIDLO WILL ASK NEW C. E. I. BOND

Will Show Big Overcharge by Company's Earnings.

Server Sidlo Wednesday will make formal demand on state public utilities commissioners to increase the $1,000,000 bond filed by the Cleveland Illuminating Co. to protect light users here who've been charged more than the 3-cent rate fixed May 1, 1914, by city ordinance.

Thwarted in demands on the illuminating company for information on receipts collected in excess of the muny rate, Sidlo Tuesday planned to show by the company's own announced gross earnings it already has collected more than the $1,000,000 put up as a refund guarantee.

Bitter warfare Monday night broke in council when Councilman Reynolds introduced his resolution authorizing Sidlo on behalf of council to lay his facts before state commissioners.

Councilman Fitzgerald, minority leader, termed the resolution uncalled for and superfluous.

Mayor Baker, answering Fitzgerald, branded as "scandalous behavior" the illuminating company's refusal to show its patrons how much they've been overcharged.

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SALENITES PLAN TO SHUN COURT HOUSE

Decide Not to Pay Visit to Chief at Official Post Again.

Quiet Prevails in Camp of Backers of Davis for Mayoralty.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Charles P. Salen's upholders of the principles of Democracy have decided not to send committees and delegations to Mr. Salen's tax office in the new court house when they ask him again to run for mayor.

As it is a public office, it would not look well to have the activities of Mr. Salen's Cuyahoga Democracy seem to center there, in the opinion of leading Salenites.

This feeling has been particularly expressed since the meeting of the Salen organization last week, when a report went out that in the session it was declared it might be desirable for Mr. Salen to postpone his announcement of candidacy, as he would be able "to do some good for some of his friends" while in office as deputy state tax commissioner. Energetic denial of the truth of this report came from the Salen camp.

It is the intention of the Salen Democracy to have its next committee wait on Mr. Salen in his own office in the Cuyahoga building, according to word yesterday. A committee already appointed is expected to visit Mr. Salen Monday.

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Attorney Alvord L. Bishop, 52 Idlewood-av, East Cleveland, member of the East Cleveland council, was still in the running yesterday for appointment to the state public utilities commission.

Mr. Bishop, who is called an authority on public utility questions, has strong Cleveland backing for the place, aside from purely political backing, although that he has that also. Republican organization leaders and James B. Ruhl are for him.

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Unusual quiet seems to have fallen over the wigwam of the Republican leaders who are backers of Harry L. Davis for mayor.

For two weeks the Davis chiefs, including Maurice Maschke, George B. Harris, W. S. FitzGerald and others, have not held their customary sessions in the offices of Klein & Harris in the Engineers building. They had been wont to convene on Mondays. But recently Mr. Davis has not called them into meeting, it was reported yesterday.

Davis supporters denied this indicated the candidate's backers were giving any thought to playing compromise politics with those who would like to see both Mr. Davis and Miner G. Norton withdraw.

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The Cuyahoga County League of Republican clubs was incorporated at Columbus yesterday by its secretary, W. C. Mangan.

The league's campaign committee held its first meeting last night in Republican headquarters, Wilshire building, and began to discuss plans for this year's Republican picnic.

"We had 40,000 at last year's outing, and the one this year will be bigger and better," said Cornelius Maloney, committee chairman. "It is customary to have the campaign committee composed of a member from each club affiliated with the league, and the league has grown so that this year's committee has fifty-six members, the largest in history."

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MAYOR VETOES PAYNE EXTENSION; HAS PLAN

Says Operating Difficulties Would Result and Suggests Covered Passageway.

A new chapter in the history of the proposed Hough-av N. E. street railway extension project was written yesterday when Mayor Newton D. Baker in a message to council voted the resolution authorizing the company to expend $15,000 for this work. The mayor believes the extension of tracks to the E. 105th-st level would result in constant operating difficulties.

As a substitute improvement he will propose a covered passageway.

The city council adopted the resolution during the mayor's absence from the city. It was then known he opposed it, and it is believed an effort will be made to pass the measure over his veto.

BAKER KEEPS OUT OF ROW

Fails to Sign Resolution for Probe Into Department Feud.

A councilmanic investigation of the altercation between the department of public safety and the department of public utilities is to proceed today without the stamp of Mayor Baker's approval. The mayor yesterday allowed the Moylan resolution, authorizing a special committee of council to conduct the probe, to become effective without his signature.

"The resolution is based on an assumption that there has been a dispute between Director Stage and Director Benesch," said the mayor "I know of no dispute. The matter of the expenditure of the $200,000 referred to in the resolution is a policy matter which the council should decide. For this reason the legislation ought to become effective, but I have decided to withhold my signature."

The dispute between the two city departments centers about the expenditure of $200,000 derived from a recent fire department bond issue.

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MAYOR VETOES PAYNE AVE. CAR REROUTE PLAN

Legislation directing the rerouting of Payne ave. cars at E. 105th st. and Hough ave. was vetoed yesterday by Mayor Baker. He announced plans for grading the steep hill at the transfer point and constructing a covered concrete walk connecting car lines.

The ordinance directing the extension of the car line was passed over opposition of Baker and Street Railway Commissioner Witt. It was once defeated by the council, but reconsidered and passed while the mayor was absent from the city. Administration councilmen are expected to sustain Baker's seto.

In withholding his approval Baker declared that running Payne ave. cars down the present steep grade to the E. 105th st. level would interfere with the operation of the line.

Payne ave. cars would swing close to the E. 105th st. line in making the loop and passengers would block the narrow sidewalk between the two lines, Baker said.

Park Engineer Newman has worked out plans for grading the incline and constructing a concrete walk, the mayor wrote council. Persons transferring will have to walk but seventy feet and the grade will not exceed six per cent when the improvement is made, the mayor said. The slope will then be seeded and planted, according to Newman's plans.

MAYOR BAKER NEUTRAL IN WAR OF DIRECTORS

Mayor Baker will take no hand in the row between Director of Public Safety Benesch and Director of Public Utilities Stage over reimbursing the waterworks for fire department apparatus. He will let the city council arbitrate.

The city has sold $200,000 worth of fire department bonds to pay back the waterworks for building the Lakeside ave. high pressure station. Benesch wants to use part of this amount for more fire equipment. Stage, protesting, says that the waterworks has been mulcted by other departments.

Baker yesterday said that he would keep hands off. The council committee appointed to arbitrate the question will meet today.

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FAVORS DIVIDING CITY IN DISTRICTS

Division of the muncipality into residential, manufacturing and business districts was advocated by Commissioner of Buildings Allen, at a meeting yesterday of the council committee on group plan and city planning.

The proposal will be referred to the city plan commission to be named by Mayor Baker.

The meeting yesterday was called to consider Councilman Smith's resolution for the sale, or lease, of the Public Square. The subject was not mentioned.

Councilman Foster criticized administrative officials for negotiating with railroads for a union pasenger station site on the lake front. He declared that the new city hall and county courthouse were located inconveniently and that a new union passenger station should be built on the Public Square.

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DEMAND DEPOT CONFERENCE BE OPEN TO PUBLIC

Councilmen Thursday protested vigorously against Mayor Baker and Service Director Sidlo's plan of going to New York early next week and behind the closed doors of the office of President A. H. Smith of the New York Central lines approving semifinal plans for the trade of lake front land for a new union station. They declared the meeting should be in Cleveland and open to all.

"There should be no secrecy in negotiations so important," Councilman Woods declared Thursday. "The people of Cleveland are the real owners of the land involved and they should be taken into officials' confidence all through the negotiations."

Councilmen Dittrick and Fitzgerald also declared the conferences should be held in city hall here.

Sidlo, replying, insisted that he would go to Pike's peak if necessary to conduct negotiations which will tend to bring a new station nearer. Baker backed up Sidlo. Smith, they said, informed them it would be more convenient to him should the conferences be held in his office, and to this they acquiesced.

SIDLO'S FOR WITT; HE WON'T RUN FOR MAYOR

"I'm for Peter Witt first, last and always. Under no circumstances will I enter the mayoralty race this fall," was the answer Thursday of Service Direcotr Sidlo to reports at city hall that one wing of democracy, disgruntled at Witt's candidacy, would bolt and back Sidlo.

With Witt, Charles P. Salen, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Sildo in the race, Sidlo adherents are said to be figuring they can nose out the others with their man. That Witt's candidacy is not welcome to a good half of Tom Johnson's followers is no secret at city hall.

Sidlo formerly was Witt's secretary.

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MAY ASK BOND ISSUE TO AID FIRE FORCES

Citizens this fall will be asked to vote between $200,000 and $400,000 in bonds to buy fire-fighting apparatus and pay fire department debts, if present plans carry.

Roused to action by Fire Chief Wallace's recital late Wednesday of fire department needs, Mayor Baker Thursday said he favored issuance of $200,000 in bonds by popular vote.

Baker would spend $150,000 of the money to repay the waterworks department for cost of installing the high pressure system, and $50,000 for apparatus.

Benesch wants more than $200,000.

"I want to take the stump and put up to the people of Cleveland the need of $400,000 for fire-fighting needs," he said Thursday.

Would Motorize Apparatus.

"Two hundred and seventy-five thousand of the $400,000 would motorize every truck, engine and hose wagon in the department. Fire hazards would be cut in half, and it is safe to predict a substantial decrease in insurance rates would result."

The remainder of the bond money would be used to build two new fire stations and equip them, and to rebuild three present stations, he explained.

Agitation for the fire bonds was the outcome of a council committee hearing late Wednesday at which Safer Benesch and Utilities Director Stage fought for disposition of $200,000 raised recently by fire bonds.

Stage claimed the money, with $100,000 more, was due his department for expenditures in connection with the high pressure system.

Committeemen voted finally to allow Benesch $50,000 of the total $200,000 under dispute.

Stage thereupon served notice on councilmen they are shouldering responsibility for a raise in water rentals which threatens. He announced he'll carry the fight for every cent of the $200,000 to the floor of council.

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Friday May 7.

BOND ISSUES MAY BE PUT TO VOTERS

City Heads to Discuss Advisability of Plan for Fall Election.

Plans for submitting to voters this fall the question of issuing bonds for fire department needs and for reimbursing the waterworks for fire apparatus expenditures are to be discussed at a meeting of city departmental heads today.

Councilman FitzGerald's proposal, that the administration go before the electorate for approval of fire department bonds, was indorsed by Mayor Baker yesterday. He arranged for the meeting of directors. A bond issue of $400,000 would be necessary to purchase needed apparatus and to reimburse the waterworks, according to Baker.

FitzGerald made the suggestion in voting against giving the fire department any part of a $200,000 bond issue for reimbursing the waterworks.

Director of Public Utilities Stage said yesterday that he would insist upon the entire $200,000.

"I believe that an expenditure for the rebuilding of the fire tug Clevelander is unwarranted, even if the city had ample funds," said Stage. "One fire tug and the high-pressure station affords more protection than two fire tugs did in the past."

Benesch wants to spend $25,000 for the rebuilding of the fire tug.

OHIO'S SENATE DOOMED, BAKER TELLS GYRO CLUB

The time will come when the Ohio Senate will be abolished, Mayor Baker told members of the Gyro Club at its open meeting at the Hofbrau last night. The mayor, speaking on "Business and Politics," declared that the two branches of the state's legislative department must be reorganized.

Efficiency has not been applied to the state's business, not only under the present administration but under preceding administrations, the mayor said. By doing away with the Senate, he explained, greater efficiency could be obtained.

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WANTS $400,000 FIRE BOND ISSUE TO CUT INSURANCE

Safety Director to Demand Rate Reduction if Voters Approve Appropriation.

MAYOR FAVORS ELECTION FOR DEPARTMENT FUND

Chief Wallace's Appeal for Money Stirs Cleveland Officials.

Fire insurance companies will be asked by Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch to agree in advance to a reduction in rates if voters of Cleveland approve a $400,000 bond issue for fire apparatus at the November election. Plans for the special election will be discussed at a meeting this morning in the office of Mayor Baker.

Mayor Baker announced yesterday that he favored the submission of a bond issue. The exact amount was not determined but Director Benesch declared it would have to be at least $400,000 if Utilities Director C. W. Stage insists that the water department be reimbursed to the extent of $300,000 for the construction of the pumping station and other fire improvements.

The appeal of Chief Wallace for funds to replace worn out apparatus has stirred city officials and it is now believed that the council will permit Director Benesch to retain at least $50,000 of the $200,000 bond issue recently authorized and that in addition it will authorize a vote on the $400,000 bond issue at the coming election.

The director declared yesterday he would not favor the special election unless insurance companies made a positive agreement regarding a rate cut.

"If the bond issue is submitted," said Mr. Benesch, "I will urge that it be large enough to care for department needs for the next eight years at least. We must motorize the entire fire department, and I personally will go into every ward and precinct during the campaign next fall to work for the issue.

"We want the people of Cleveland to co-operate not only to the extent of voting the bonds, but also to the extent of extending the fire limits. The limits now are between E. 55th-st and W. 38th-st, within which no new frame structures may be built or frame alterations made. The limits should be extended to E. 105th-st on the east and W. 76th-st on the west.

The fire bond issue should be for $400,000, which would motorize the department, build two new engine houses, supply equipment for them and rebuild three old houses. That work, with the expenditure of the $50,000 we hope to get at once, will put the Cleveland department where it should be."

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'I'LL RESIGN, I'VE BEEN CRUCIFIED,' SAYS J. B. VINING

Charities Commissioner Insists Administration is Lacking in Punch.

'WE'RE TIN SOLDIERS; EVERYBODY'S SORRY'

Retiring Official Reiterates His Examination Was Unfair.

Charging he has been crucified for his political opinions, J. B. Vining, commissioner of charities and corrections, handed his resignation to Welfare Director H. R. Cooley yesterday.

"I am through," he said. "They offered me the position of secretary, but I do not want it. I do not care to continue the work here under such conditions. The trouble is that the administration has no punch. Each man is running around in his own particular circle. We are all tin soldiers.

"I am a free trade Democrat. My views are radical and I have always held to them. Since this examination everybody has been saying 'I am sorry, I am sorry,' but none of them seems to know what to do. If I were Director Cooley I would offer this job to Mr. Wright, who has stood at the head of the list, and then something would happen.

"Something would have happened in his case some time ago if I had had my way. He left on a two-week trip to Boston without notifying Dr. Cooley or me. Dr. Cooley was not in favor of taking any action in his case. He has wanted peace."

Director Cooley was about to leave for Toledo yesterday when handed the letter of resignation and no action was taken by him. It is believed a definite announcement as to the new appointment will be made today. Howell Wright, superintendent of City hospital, is at the head of the civil service eligible list and W. H. Winans, secretary to Director Cooley, is third. Mr. Vining is fifth on the list.

If Supt. Wright and Secretary Winans had withdrawn from the list the reappointment of Mr. Vining could have been made.

The commissioner's letter of resignation was filled with allusions to his long years of association with Director Cooley. As he was dictating it, his stenographer burst into tears and Mr. Vining had the work completed by a stenographer in another city department.

In his letter to the director, Mr. Vining charged that the civil service examination was unfair and prejudiced. He said:

I have lived in Cleveland over thirty years, during which time I have never denied my political affiliations nor sought to hide my views on public questions. That now, after ten years of faithful service in the division of charities and corrections and two years as the first probation officer in the police court of Cleveland, I have been obliged to appear before a civil service commission that is so anxious to act impartially that it selects a conservative committee to pass upon my radical political views and to have this committee and its friends all holding views diametrically opposed to everything I hold to be true, is an injustice that would hardly be expected from an administration that poses as the direct heir to Tom L. Johnson.

It is a sorry time when a man in my position is obliged, in order to gain recognition, to deny the faith and the political principles that were taught him by Tom Johnson.

When I say that I have been crucified for my political opinions I do not make this statement without sufficient evidence. The truths that I hold are too dear to me and of too much importance to the disinherited who are the victims of an unjust social condition to permit me to waver.

When the mass of my fellow citizens come to learn that the palliatives for social injustice offered by the recognized organizations of charity and philanthropy will be of no avail and that at best they are mere sops to the conscience of those who despoiled them, then will be my hour of

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VINING FINALLY RESIGNS; SCORES CIVIL SERVICE

Bitter criticism of the civil service commission was made by J. B. Vining, commissioner of charities and corrections, in tendering his resignation to Director of Public Welfare Cooley, yesterday. Vining stood fifth on an eligible list but Cooley had been making efforts to keep him on the city payroll.

Vining declared that he had been crucified for his political opinions. He also took a fling at recognized organizations of charity and philanthropy. Their palliatives for social injustice are at best mere sops to the conscience, he said.

"It is a sorry time when a man in my position is obliged in order to gain recognition to deny the faith and the political principles that were taught by Tom Johnson," said Vining. The retiring commissioner declared that in the marking of his examination papers other candidates were given higher ratings for answers much similar to those submitted by him. "The commission was so anxious to stand erect that it bent backward," said he.

Vining charged that one of the members of the examining board in charge of the test had consulted heads of charitable organizations regarding the marking of papers. He branded this as absurd and unjust.

"I had supposed the policies of the administration were formulated by the mayor and his cabinet but we here have a civil service commission not seeking to secure a man competent and in sympathy with the administration's point of view but deliberately trying in their examinations to establish for themselves administrative policies," said he.

Howell Wright, superintendent of City hospital, heads the civil service list. It is practically certain that he will be retained in his present position. This would mean that the appointment will go to Alexander Wilson, Philadelphia social worker who stood second, or W. H. Winans, secretary of the department of public welfare, who stood third. There is a possibility that the position will be abolished.

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BAKER LAUDS RAILROADS AS TRAFFIC MEN FEAST

Mayor Sees Little Cause for Ownership by Government.

An address by Mayor Newton D. Baker, a series of character sketches by Dr. Robert Parker Miles and several musical selections by the Doan orchestra comprised the program at the banquet of the Cleveland Freight Traffic association in The Hollenden last evening.

Mayor Baker talked on "The Relation of the Railways to the Government." He praised the efficiency of the American railway system and emphasized its value in case of war.

"I think municipal ownership is an expedient," said the mayor. "I see less chance of government ownership of the railroads now than I saw two years ago. The railroads are coming to a time when they are taking the people into their confidence. The old misunderstanding is disappearing. The government ought to own and operate no business which can be operated as efficiently and justly by private enterprise."

J. B. Sanford, president of the Freight Traffic association, was chairman of the evening.

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MAYOR BAKER ADDRESSES TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION

The Cleveland Freight Traffic Association, the youngest railroad organization of the city, gave its second dinner at the Hollenden last night, with President John B. Sanford presiding. The membership is composed of traveling freight agents and "street men." It is regarded as a hustling club and the membership is climbing daily. Mayor Baker and Robert Parker Miles were the speakers. The Doan orchestra furnished the music for the dinner. About seventy-five attended the affair. It is the intention of the organization to have social gatherings every two or three months. The next dinner will be held at one of the summer resorts located close to this city.

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BAKER REVIVES STATION BILL

Starts Move to Have Thatcher Measure Passed.

In an effort to rush legislation necessary before agreements for a new union station can be reached between the city and railroads, Mayor Baker Monday planned to appeal to Senator Merkel to resurrect the Thatcher bill.

This action was decided upon following reports that Senator Thatcher, who introduced the measure after Baker had drawn it, is making no effort to push its passage.

Baker blames hostility of downstate and rural legislators to Cleveland proposals for failure to get laws necessary to straighten out the lakefront tangle.

Refusal of the legislature to pass the Thatcher bill will hinder pending negotiations between the city and railroads, Baker said.

"There's absolutely no objection to the Thatcher bill except that it happened to emanate from Cleveland," he charged.

Roads and City Agree.

"Both the railroads and the city want it passed in order to legalize submerged land trades.

"The bill simply authorizes the state to transfer title to submerged land east of the Cuyahoga river."

Baker said Monday he has given up all hope for passage of the original Merkel bill, for which the Thatcher bill was drawn as a substitute.

Railroads and private riparian owners, entrenched on the lake front, are responsible for its burial in committee, Baker explained Monday.

The bill would have transferred to the city all riparian rights and title to submerged and "made" land.

S. H. West, Lake Shore attorney, Andrew Squire, Cleveland attorney representing private owners, and former Lieut. Gov. Treadway were leaders in the attack on the bill, which would give the city the right to develop its harbor and lakefront facilities.

Tuesday May 11.

COUNCIL TO PROBE $500,000 CAR JOB

Cash Offered for Withdrawal of Barn Bid, Contractor Says.

Investigation of the letting of big street railway contracts was authorized by the council last night following the presenting of charges that the W. I. Thompson & Son Company, railway contractors, had offered lower bidders a financial consideration to withdraw from the bidding in a former competition.

The charge was made in a signed statement given Councilman FitzGerald by Roderick D. Grant, a general contractor. At FitzGerald's request the council reconsidered legislation allowing the railway company to contract with the Thompson company for a new operating station at Harvard ave. and E. 55th st. Other resolutions authorizing expenditures of $200,000 by the railway company were also reconsidered.

FitzGerald vigorously arraigned Street Railway Commissioner Witt in urging reconsideration of the street railway legislation. He declared that Witt was employed as the adviser of the councilmen and that if Grant's charges were true the commissioner was inefficient if he did not know of the transactions complained of in tne statement.

Charges Not Sworn to.

Grant's charges were prepared in affidavit form but were not sworn to. He explained last night that he had intended to make oath to the statement but that a notarial seal was lacking when the document was made ready. He insisted, however, that he would substantiate the allegations in the statement, which was as follows:

"On or about May 22, 1914, I submitted a proposition to the Cleveland Railway Company amounting to about $69,000 for the erection of certain buildings at Harvard and Independence rd. My bid was about $11,000 lower than the next bid, and I was given four days in which to qualify. In other words, to furnish bond and show sufficient financial backing to handle the job. This I did in the presence of the proper railway company officials on the following Friday. That evening my financial backers and myself were approached by a representative of the firm of Walter I. Thompson & Son with a proposal that we withdraw our bids for a consideration of $12,000 dollars.

"About 1:30 a. m. on the Saturday morning following, I was asked over the telephone by Mr. John Thompson if I would accept $10,000 to withdraw, providing my financial backers could be handled for $6,000. I informed him that I had gone into the competition in a straightforward manner and that if he offered me personally the entire $12,000 that I would not take one cent of it. During this telephone conversation, Mr. Thompson told me that I had better take the money as his firm would get the job under any conditions, and that I was only standing in my own way by refusing to take the money.

"The following morning we were informed at the railway company's offices that all of the bids had been thrown out and that new bids would be taken on the following Friday at 2 o'clock. At that time I submitted another proposal which contemplated two or three changes, and put my bid in the hands of Mr. Charles Stanley at exactly 2 o'clock. Just before I handed in my bid I saw Mr. Thompson in one of the offices adjoining Mr. Stanley's. When I next received any information regarding this work it was to the effect that Mr. Thompson had beaten me out of about $4,000.

"I might state that previous to submitting my first bid I was approached by Mr. John Thompson with the request that I refrain from making a bid upon this work, or that I submit a bid which he proposed to give me, and which was so much higher than his bid that it would be impossible for me to get the job. On this occasion he told me that he was going to get the work in any event, and that all the other contractors who had received plans were going to take complimentary bids from him. I stated to him at this time that I was under no obligations to keep out of his road, and that I was going into the competition fairly and squarely, and that if I could not land the work upon my own figures I would not want it. (Signed)

"RODERICK D. GRANT."

"I believe that the council has been leaning upon a broken reed," said FitzGerald, in opening his attack upon Witt. He repeated a recent statement by the commissioner to the effect that it was natural for the railway company to favor its friends and that councilmen would do likewise under similar circumstances.

Baker to Defense.

Mayor Baker defended the commissioner's office in Witt's absence. He indorsed FitzGerald's proposal that the legislation be reconsidered and sent back to committee. After considerable parliamentary skirmishing this was done. Councilman Koch announced that the street railway committee would meet Thursday to consider the matter.

"The statement is absolutely false," said John Thompson, of the W. I. Thompson & Son Co., last night. "No effort was ever made by any representative of this firm to induce other bidders to withdraw. The charges don't worry me a bit. They are too ridiculous."

Thompson said the company had already started work on the operating station at Harvard and E. 55th sts. and would continue.

"Grant was low bidder on one contract," said President Stanley of the street railway company last night. "The company did not think that he could carry on the work and readvertised for bids. We have not asked him for bids lately."

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CAUSES RESCINDING OF $380,000 JOBS

Councilman FitzGerald Makes Accusations Involving Railway Contracts.

Makes Charge of Negligence Against Commissioner Peter Witt.

Charges centering about the lettin of a contract for the Harvard-av an Independence-rd S. E. barn a yea ago, filed with council last night b Councilman W. S. FitzGerald resulte in a unanimous vote for reconsidera tion of six street railway expenditure resolutions totaling $380,000, adopte at the previous meeting.

The charges read by Councilma FitzGerald were included in a signe statement by Roderick D. Grant, gen eral contractor, to the effect that h had been offered $12,000 to withdra his bid. The offer, he claimed, wa made by a representative of a con cern that has been awarded a numbe of street railway contracts.

Urging an immediate investigatio of the charges, Mayor Newton D Baker declared they presented a grave and serious situation.

Flays Railway Commissioner.

"The council and the street railwa committee have been relying on th word of the street railway commis sioner, Peter Witt," said Councilma FitzGerald. "The council has bee leaning on a broken reed. The stree railway commissioner has not met th situation."

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LETTERS SHOW BAKER ADMITTED BOILER BLUNDER

Penalty of $9,000 Due City but No Effort Ever Has Been Made to Collect.

How Mayor Baker admitted he blundered in buying boilers for Fairmount pumping station late in 1912, failed to collect a rightful penalty of $9,000 for delayed delivery, and then, to avoid being "shown up" in his 1913 campaign, made an unqualified promise in writing to prevent a recurrence of the incident, was revealed Thursday by W. C. Connelly, president of the D. Connelly Boiler Company.

Connelly's attorneys, some time Thursday, were to file suit in common pleas court seeking to enjoin the city from contracting with the Babcock & Wilcox Boiler Company, New York, for five boilers, worth $43,500, for the Division ave. pumping station. Board of control members made the award Monday despite the fact the New York concern was the only bidder and a score of boilermakers forced Utilities Director Stage to admit bias.

Threat Brings Baker's Note.

The first of the damaging letters Connelly produced is a personal note in Baker's handwriting and on his private stationery to Connelly's home, 72 Rosalind ave., East Cleveland. It was inspired, Connelly declared Thursday, by his threat to turn over to Harry L. Davis, then Baker's mayoralty opponent, damaging facts relating to the purchase of two 500-horsepower boilers on September 3, 1912.

The Babcock & Wilcox Company was awarded the contract for $14,496, although the Connelly Company bid $12,572. The award was made because the Babcock & Wilcox Company offered delivery within fifty-three days, and Connelly in ninety-five. But tacked onto the specifications was a clause calling for a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each day over specified delivery.

The first boiler, city hall records show, was not delivered until ninety days had elapsed, and the second a year and ten days. Accruing was a penalty of over $9,000, but not a hand was or has been turned to collect it, Connelly declares.

"Feeling I had been grossly mistreated, I planned to lay the facts before Harry Davis for his use in his campaign against Baker, running for re-election," Connelly explained Thursday. "But I first called up Finance Director Coughlin, my friend, and he advised me to wait. Next day we talked it over and I promised to do nothing until he had talked with Baker.

Baker Makes Promise.

"Apparently Baker talked over matters with Water Commissioner Schulz, former Service Director Springborn, former Law Director Wilcox and Coughlin. His note to me is his admission he blundered; likewise, he promised me fair treatment in the future."

Shortly after Baker penned his note of admission and regret on August 26, 1913, bids were taken for two more boilers for Fairmount station. Again the Babcock & Wilcox Company was given the award, but not until Schulz had made a desperate fight for the Stirling boiler, although the company's bid for its name-make boiler was low by $3,500. On the Stirling boilers the Babcock & Wilcox Company bid $9,000, for its name-make $12,568, while Connelly put in a bid of $10,000.

It was in answer to a note from Connelly, who congratulated Baker on favoring the low bidder, that he received his second letter from the mayor. This letter too was written before election—September 20, 1913. It read:

My Dear Mr. Connelly:—I am very grateful for your considerate note of September 18. As Mr. Springborn was absent from the city at the time that bids for the new boilers were to be considered he asked me to give it my personal attention for him. I therefore took the matter up with Mr. Schulz and Mr. Ballard, and it was after I had equipped myself with all the information they could give me that I personally made the decision in favor of the boilers which were finally ordered. I feel very sure that the matter was thoroughly gone into. While I regret that your home concern was not the fortunate bidder, I hope that result of the bidding was a demonstration of the fact that I do not intend to allow a repetition of our former unfortunate experience if I can avoid it. I am especially grateful for the generous and big way in which you view the whole situation, and while it is not possible, apparently, to correct the consequences of our previous error so far as they affected your company, it will be possible, I think, for us to avoid a similar difficulty in the future.

With cordial regards, believe me sincerely yours, NEWTON D. BAKER.

Demands Square Deal.

"Schulz and Stage have favored the Babcock & Wilcox company once too often," Connelly declared Thursday. "All I am asking is a square deal. Twice Baker promised it to me, and twice he failed to keep his word.

"Both Stage and Schulz admit their specifications in the last award were drawn purposely to exclude all except the New York firm. Finally, with only one bid in, the award is illegal."

In quizzing Service Director Sidlo, who voted with Baker and Stage Monday after having consistently opposed them, Connelly learned Thursday Sidlo's reason was that "he felt he had to be loyal to his superiors." A few minutes before Baker moved that the Babcock & Wilcox company be given the $43,500 contract the mayor called Sidlo from his chair at the opposite end of the board table and whispered to him.

Sidlo, however, maintained he always voted as his best judgment impelled.

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TRADE HOT SHOTS AS WITT IS SCORED

Councilman Reynolds and Mayor Scrap Over Charge Filed by Contractor.

Witness Fights Questioning as to Alleged Offer for Bid Withdrawal.

Charges and counter charges flew back and forth in the city council chamber yesterday at a meeting called for the consideration of an affidavit made by Contractor Roderick D. Grant that he was offered $12,000 to withdraw from the bidding on the Harvard and Independence-rd street railway barn a year ago. Contractor Grant at yesterday's meeting repeated his charge.

An affidavit from the contractor's wife was produced. Mrs. Grant stated she was on an extension phone while her husband discussed the alleged offer of $12,000 with a man who said he was John Thompson of the W. I. Thompson & Son Co. and that her husband refused the money.

"I told Mr. Grant that in spite of the amount of money offered I was proud of him to think he would not take money in that way," says Mrs. Grant in concluding her affidavit.

President J. J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. was present at yesterday's hearing with Attorney Harry J. Crawford as legal representative. The W. I. Thompson & Son Co. also was represented by counsel. The council committee on street railways conducted the hearing and Mayor Baker, Street Commissioner Peter Witt and several other officials were present.

The altercation reached the white-heat stage when Mayor Baker told the committee it could force Grant to answer questions under authority given by the city charter and when Attorney Crawford demanded that he be given permission to cross-question the witness. A verbal passage-at-arms took place between Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt and Councilman W. S. FitzGerald at the opening of the meeting.

"If I was neglecting my duty, as the gentleman charged at the last meeting of council, then John Stanley and the board of directors of the Cleveland Railway Co., are crooked," said Commissioner Witt. "Of course the gentleman didn't say that. Being a candidate for mayor, he may have opened his campaign there as well as any other place."

"You have not satisfied me that you are preserving the interests of the car riders," said Councilman FitzGerald. "If this affidavit is true where did the contractor who made the offer expect to make up the difference? The only way he could make it up was through the car riders. It is your duty to see that there is fair competition, that the low bidder is in reality the low bidder. It was Mr. Witt's duty to investigate. Mr. Grant has come in here with a desire to benefit the public."

When Attorney Crawford demanded that he be given permission to cross-question the witness, Councilman FitzGerald declared Grant did not have to answer questions not asked by the committee or the city law director.

"A man that comes here to make a statement may have to submit to a cross-examination and the council may have the right to make him answer," said the mayor. "The Cleveland Railway Co. and its officers have been charged with corrupt conduct. Mr. Grant refuses to answer questions on the advice of Mr. FitzGerald. Everything he says should be thrown out."

"It isn't fair to permit attorneys to come here to bedevil people," retorted Councilman FitzGerald. "Let the company commence action in a civil court if it feels it has been prejudiced by anything this man has said. Just because it happens to strike a blow at the candidate for mayor we have all this display and furbelow.

"I am going to protect this man. You don't have to answer their questions, Mr. Grant. You don't have to be intimidated by any alleged power to punish. I deny Mr. Crawford's right to ask questions. This is an inquiry about the street railway commissioner's office. I object to the whole force of the city government being directed against a man trying to do his duty. I object to Mr. Crawford's representing the city and the street railway commissioner. The street railway company is not at issue here. If the council committee wants legal counsel let it call the city solicitor."

At the suggestion of the mayor, the committee decided to obtain definite authority from council at the coming meeting to conduct a hearing along formal lines. Under this authority council will have authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and to force witnesses to answer questions, it is contended by the mayor.

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In a boast to Connelly, Young, Baker's secretary, claimed 136 feet of the ten-foot tunnel were completed last week, the best week to date. Figuring on Stage's basis of 14,224 feet yet to be dug the time for completion still is 104 weeks distant, or late in the summer of 1917.

Utilities department engineers admitted Friday considerable hardship will result from the tunnel delay. Original plans were to complete it by next spring to enable the East Side tunnel, admittedly in bad condition, to be cleaned. Money is needed also for revamping waterworks [illegible] engineers admitted.

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COUNCIL QUIZ IS CAMPAIGN OPENER

Railway Probe Signal to Start Mayoralty Fight, Says Witt.

Candidate Tells Club He Will Force Victory in First Battle.

Peter Witt, Democratic candidate for mayor, last night declared the campaign has now begun—that the "enemy" by haling him into a councilmanic investigation of a street railway matter this week has opened the fight, which he had believed might have been confined to one or two months preceding the November election.

Proclaiming that he is going to force a victory in this first battle when city council Monday gives definite authority to compel Contractor Roderick D. Grant to answer all questions and "tell all he knows" concerning his charge that he was offered $12,000 to withdraw from the bidding on the Harvard-av (S. E.) street railway barn a year ago, Mr. Witt spoke last night before the East End Democratic club. The meeting was held in Ullman's hall, E. 55th-st and Stanard-av N. E.

Mr. Witt charged Councilman W. S. FitzGerald with insincerity in the first hearing of Roderick's charge, which was held Thursday night and adjourned with no decision when Roderick declined to answer questions on the advice of the councilman. Mayor Newton D. Baker announced the hearing would be resumed in a more formal manner and that Mr. Roderick would have to answer.

Mr. Witt's address was largely explanatory of the single tax theory. He reaffirmed his decision to make this one of the issues of his campaign.

"The 'enemy' is trying to bring this question to my door," said Mr. Witt. "But they needn't mind. I'll take it to their's."

Councilman Adam Damm presided at the meeting. John F. Sulzmann, whose friends obtained 60,000 signatures on petitions nominating him as mayoralty candidate, declared he never had authorized the circulation of the petitions, although deeply grateful at the testimonial.

"I'm for Peter Witt, first, last and all the time," said Mr. Sulzmann.

Councilman John Reynolds, another speaker, explained how the opening of the proposed E. 55th-st subway would result in incalculable benefits to the lake front district near the terminal and to the whole section of the city adjoining.

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United States Senator Atlee Pomerene, who came to Cleveland as a delegate to the world court congress, departed for his home at Canton yesterday afternoon without making an announcement of his recommendation for the appointment of collector of customs here.

Senator Pomerene spent a busy day yesterday conferring with party leaders, consulting among others ex-Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, Congressman William Gordon, Postmaster W. J. Murphy, United States District Attorney Ed S. Wertz and Mayor Newton D. Baker. At noon Senator Pomerene was the central figure at a gathering of state, city and county officials in Mayor Baker's office at city hall. War vied with



Leader Monday May 17.

RAILWAY PROBE PLAN WILL TEST COUNCIL POWERS

Stockwell to Introduce Resolution Tonight Giving Committee Fullest Authority to Investigate Contractor's Charges.

Powers to summon witnesses, administer oaths and punish for contempt are conferred on the street railway committee in a resolution to be submitted to the city council tonight by Director of Law Stockwell.

Drafting of the resolution follows filing of charges of favoritism in the letting of street railway contracts. Charges were made by Roderick D. Grant, general contractor, who also swears that representatives of the W. I. Thompson & So Co. offered him $12,000 to withdraw his low bid for Harvard ave. repair shops.

It will be the second attempt by the council to test out the wide investigating powers conferred on it by the charter. Stockwell gave a ruling limiting the council's powers when it attempted to investigate civil service.

Would Hamper Inquiry.

Opposition to the resolution will come from Councilman Gahn, who charges that it is an attempt by Mayor Baker to drag politics into what should be an impartial investigation of street railway matters.

"It aims to harass a volunteer offering to furnish the council with information," said Gahn yesterday.

"In order to come within the scope of the charter provision the council must investigate the street railway commissioner's office. This is not what the council committee wants. It desires information on the letting of contracts."

The street railway committee held a meeting on Grant's charges last week. When Grant objected to being cross-examined by Attorney Harry Crawford, representing the railway company, the committee adjourned. Baker sided with Crawford and intimated that Grant could be punished for contempt. Later he admitted that the committee had not been duly authorized to investigate.

Wants Full Probe.

"I am for a complete investigation," said Councilman FitzGerald, who presented Grant's charges to the council. "I do object though to having the Cleveland Railway Company attorneys defend Witt. No charges have been made against the company and the city director of law is the only attorney who should be allowed to question witnesses."

Debate over the street railway resolution is expected to occupy most of the time at tonight's meeting. A date will be set for a hearing on the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad's application for the vacation of forty downtown streets. The abandonment of the streets is sought in connection with the building of terminals in the district bounded by E. 9th st., E. 34th st., Broadway and Orange ave.

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HOLDS CITY RULES CAR CO. CONTRACTS

Stockwell Declares Council Controls Methods of Letting Rail Jobs.

Plan to Transfer Funds for Motorboat Harbor is Attacked.

Council has authority to control the Cleveland Railway Co.'s methods of awarding contracts for extensions and improvements, according to a statement of Law Director John N. Stockwell on the floor of council last evening.

The opinion was forthcoming at the request of Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, who asked whether council would have remedial power, in the event that investigation of charges of Roderick D. Grant that he was offered $12,000 to withdraw his bid on a contract for construction of the Harvard-av car barns a year ago developed a situation calling for remedy.

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COUNCIL QUIZ IS CAMPAIGN OPENER

Railway Probe Signal to Start Mayoralty Fight, Says Witt.

Candidate Tells Club He Will Force Victory in First Battle.

Peter Witt, Democratic candidate for mayor, last night declared the campaign has now begun—that the "enemy" by haling him into a councilmanic investigation of a street railway matter this week has opened the fight, which he had believed might have been confined to one or two months preceding the November election.

Proclaiming that he is going to force a victory in this first battle when city council Monday gives definite authority to compel Contractor Roderick D. Grant to answer all questions and "tell all he knows" concerning his charge that he was offered $12,000 to withdraw from the bidding on the Harvard-av (S. E.) street railway barn a year ago, Mr. Witt spoke last night before the East End Democratic club. The meeting was held in Ullman's hall, E. 55th-st and Stanard-av N. E.

Mr. Witt charged Councilman W. S. FitzGerald with insincerity in the first hearing of Roderick's charge, which was held Thursday night and adjourned with no decision when Roderick declined to answer questions on the advice of the councilman. Mayor Newton D. Baker announced the hearing would be resumed in a more formal manner and that Mr. Roderick would have to answer.

Mr. Witt's address was largely explanatory of the single tax theory. He reaffirmed his decision to make this one of the issues of his campaign.

"The 'enemy' is trying to bring this question to my door," said Mr. Witt. "But they needn't mind. I'll take it to their's."

Councilman Adam Damm presided at the meeting. John F. Sulzmann, whose friends obtained 60,000 signatures on petitions nominating him as mayoralty candidate, declared he never had authorized the circulation of the petitions, although deeply grateful at the testimonial.

"I'm for Peter Witt, first, last and all the time," said Mr. Sulzmann.

Councilman John Reynolds, another speaker, explained how the opening of the proposed E. 55th-st subway would result in incalculable benefits to the lake front district near the terminal and to the whole section of the city adjoining.

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Senator Pomerene spent a busy day yesterday conferring with party leaders, consulting among others ex-Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, Congressman William Gordon, Postmaster W. J. Murphy, United States District Attorney Ed S. Wertz and Mayor Newton D. Baker. At noon Senator Pomerene was the central figure at a gathering of state, city and county officials in Mayor Baker's office at city hall. War vied with politics in the discus

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RAILWAY PROBE PLAN WILL TEST COUNCIL POWERS

Stockwell to Introduce Resolution Tonight Giving Committee Fullest Authority to Investigate Contractor's Charges.

Powers to summon witnesses, administer oaths and punish for contempt are conferred on the street railway committee in a resolution to be submitted to the city council tonight by Director of Law Stockwell.

Drafting of the resolution follows filing of charges of favoritism in the letting of street railway contracts. Charges were made by Roderick D. Grant, general contractor, who also swears that representatives of the W. I. Thompson & So Co. offered him $12,000 to withdraw his low bid for Harvard ave. repair shops.

It will be the second attempt by the council to test out the wide investigating powers conferred on it by the charter. Stockwell gave a ruling limiting the council's powers when it attempted to investigate civil service.

Would Hamper Inquiry.

Opposition to the resolution will come from Councilman Gahn, who charges that it is an attempt by Mayor Baker to drag politics into what should be an impartial investigation of street railway matters.

"It aims to harass a volunteer offering to furnish the council with information," said Gahn yesterday.

"In order to come within the scope of the charter provision the council must investigate the street railway commissioner's office. This is not what the council committee wants. It desires information on the letting of contracts."

The street railway committee held a meeting on Grant's charges last week. When Grant objected to being cross-examined by Attorney Harry Crawford, representing the railway company, the committee adjourned. Baker sided with Crawford and intimated that Grant could be punished for contempt. Later he admitted that the committee had not been duly authorized to investigate.

Wants Full Probe.

"I am for a complete investigation," said Councilman FitzGerald, who presented Grant's charges to the council. "I do object though to having the Cleveland Railway Company attorneys defend Witt. No charges have been made against the company and the city director of law is the only attorney who should be allowed to question witnesses."

Debate over the street railway resolution is expected to occupy most of the time at tonight's meeting. A date will be set for a hearing on the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad's application for the vacation of forty downtown streets. The abandonment of the streets is sought in connection with the building of terminals in the district bounded by E. 9th st., E. 34th st., Broadway and Orange ave.

Tuesday

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HOLDS CITY RULES CAR CO. CONTRACTS

Stockwell Declares Council Controls Methods of Letting Rail Jobs.

Plan to Transfer Funds for Motorboat Harbor is Attacked.

Council has authority to control the Cleveland Railway Co.'s methods of awarding contracts for extensions and improvements, according to a statement of Law Director John N. Stockwell on the floor of council last evening.

The opinion was forthcoming at the request of Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, who asked whether council would have remedial power, in the event that investigation of charges of Roderick D. Grant that he was offered $12,000 to withdraw his bid on a contract for construction of the Harvard-av car barns a year ago developed a situation calling for remedy.

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COUNCIL TURNS SEARCHLIGHT ON CAR CONTRACTS

Orders Thorough Investigation of Charges That Low Bidder Was Offered $12,000 to Leave Field.

LARGER ALLOWANCE TO MEET INCREASED WAGES

Rolf Announces Fight on Rerouting of Cars to Euclid Beach.

Witnesses will be summoned by municipal court bailiffs to appear before the council committee on street railways Thursday in regard to the letting of contracts by the Cleveland Railway Company.

A thorough investigation was ordered by the city council last night. The committee was empowered to subpena witnesses, administer oaths, force the production of books and records and punish as for contempt if witnesses refuse to testify. Director of Law Stockwell ruled that the committee had power to lay down regulations for the letting of railway contracts.

Grant Starts Inquiry.

Charges by Roderick D. Grant, general contractor, that he had been offered $12,000 by representatives of the W. I. Thompson & Son Co., another contracting firm, to withdraw his low bid for a half million dollar street railway contract led to the investigation. Councilman FitzGerald presented the charges to the council a week ago.

FitzGerald last night obtained an opinion from Stockwell that the investigating resolution was not in conflict with a former ruling made by the director of law limiting the council's power of investigation. At that time Stockwell held that the council could not investigate any matter which it could not correct by legislation.

The Cleveland Railway Company is granted an additional car mileage allowance of half a cent in a resolution presented by Councilman Koch at last night's meeting. The extra allowance is to meet increased pay for motormen and conductors. The resolution was referred to the street railway committee.

Fights Beach Routings.

Street Railway Commissioner Witt and Councilman Rolf engaged in a clash at a committee meeting in the afternoon. Rolf accused the commissioner of exceeding his powers in routing all Euclid Beach cars by way of E. 105th st. without action by the council. He plans legislation restoring the old St. Clair and Euclid ave. routings.

Mayor Baker's veto of the ordinance extending the Payne ave. line to E. 105th st. was sustained by a vote of eighteen to eight.

An amendment surrendering the city's power to pass on future transfers of the Cleveland Valley & Terminal Railway Company's lease of its Ohio canal right-of-way was defeated. The Terminal & Valley company wants to surrender the lease to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Councilman Bernstein asked the law department to rule on the city's right to grant the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad a franchise to cross streets at grade.

Milk Measure Goes Back.

Councilman Smith's milk pasteurization ordinance was referred back to committee. The woman suffrage party endorsed the ordinance in a communication to the council.

The section adjoining Denison ave. and W. 25th st. is designated as Denison Square in a resolution presented by Councilman Townes.

An ordinance was passed transferring funds to permit the city to pay the Cleveland Yacht Club $1,500 as first payment for its E. 9th st. lease. Councilman Gahn said that the yacht club paid the federal government $5 per year for the lease, which has six years longer to run. The city wants to develop the club's lagoon for a motorboat harbor.

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CITY MUST PAY THOUSANDS FOR CLUB'S $5 LEASE

Seems No Way to Avoid Meeting the Demands of Yachtsmen for Basin.

$4,520 PRISE OPPOSED BY COUNCILMAN GAHN

McGinty Favors Buy; Says Baker Has Found Boat Club's Lease Is Airtight.

Developments Tuesday indicated that the city hasn't much choice in the price it pays for the lease to the E. 9th st. basin held by the Cleveland Yacht Club, which it proposes to convert into a mooring place for motor boats.

The yacht club pays the government five dollars a year for the lease, but it insists on having its price before it will even ask the government to consent to the lease's transfer.

The club's price to the city is $4,250. It developed Tuesday that it refused $7,000 offered by the government itself several years ago.

Councilman McGinty, pushing the plan to have the city lease the basin from the club, admitted that it was a holdup on the part of the yacht club, but declared Mayor Baker had found that the club has an absolute lease on the basin. He said government officials told Baker that the club refused an offer of $7,000 from the government.

Cites Old Opinion.

Councilman Gahn, opposing McGinty and Service Director Sidlo in their plan, declared that the club has no right to demand $4,250, claiming that an opinion of former Assistant City Solicitor Stevens in 1911 held that the club has no control over the water.

The lease was made May 22, 1900, and provided that the yacht club should have all the land between E. 9th st. and E. 12th st. from the Lake Shore railroad to the lake for five dollars annually. The lease extends to August 3, 1921.

The lease also provides that the club cannot sublet the property without the consent of the government. Director Sidlo Tuesday said he believed the government would not be opposed to the club's re-leasing the land to the city.

McGinty said Tuesday the club originally wanted $15,000 for the lease but finally came down to $4,250.

Calls It Holdup.

"This is simply a holdup game the club is trying to work on the city," Gahn said Tuesday. "The E. 9th st. basin has been abandoned by the club for new quarters at Rocky river. It is preposterous that the city should pay $4,500 for what the club gets for thirty dollars.

"In 1911 when the yacht club tried to get council to pass an ordinance giving the club a new harbor at the Kirtland pumping station, I opposed it. I am not opposed to water sports, but I am opposed to the club trying to get from the city money that might well be spent in making better motor boat mooring. When the Kirtland harbor ordinance was up, the club wanted exclusive rights and to bar the independent owners."

In May, 1900, the government leased the E. 9th st. property, including about two acres of land, to the club for five dollars a year, the lease extending to August 3, 1921. The lease requires that taxes and rents must be paid on time or else it shall be forfeited.

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Tuesday May 18.

OPENS FIGHT ON RAILWAY'S PLEA FOR CITY GRANT

Councilman Bernstein Opposes Giving 40 Streets to Cleveland & Youngstown.

BAKER BACKS PROTEST

Officials Point Out That Railroad Offers No Remuneration.

Council, at a public hearing May 27, will be asked to authorize diversion and vacation of 40 streets lying east of E. Ninth-st, between Orange-av, Pittsburg-av, Broadway and E. 34th-st.

The 47-acre tract, intersected by 40 city streets, is to be used for freight terminal and warehouse purposes by the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad.

So far no mention has been made of any recompense to the city for handing over to the railroad its city streets, valued at $2,000,000.

Councilman Bernstein announced Tuesday he'll fight adoption of the Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance in its present form.

Bernstein Opens Fight.

Bernstein Monday night started the fray by having adopted a resolution calling on Law Director Stockwell for a "brass tacks" ruling on whether the city has any right to vacate streets without consents of property owners, and whether the railroad has any right to build grade crossings on streets which intersect its terminal yards.

"Property owners face loss of streets all around them if requests of the railroad are granted," Bernstein said.

"The ordinance as its stands is unfair. The city has no right to donate $2,000,000 worth of property to a corporation which offers nothing in return.

"It is rumored the Lake Shore and New York Central are behind the scheme. The New York Central has consistently fought the city on lake front control, harbor development, and the union station proposition. And now this grant may pave the way for its control of a part at least of the heart of downtown Cleveland."

What Baker Says.

Mayor Baker also expressed the belief the New York Central may become interested.

Server Sidlo and Councilman McGinty said they'd insist on adequate recompense to the city.

John Cannon, of Fuller & Cannon, Cleveland & Youngstown attorneys, said Tuesday "he railroad already owns nearly 90 per cent of the property abutting on streets which the railroad wants vacated.

"Construction of the terminal will save freight receivers here at least 20 cents on every ton of freight," he said.

Bernstein pointed out closing of the streets in the downtown commission district would increase fire hazards.

"Engines on the north side would have only three streets thru which to reach the south side and the flats," he said. "And these streets may be blocked grade crossings."

SEEKS HARBOR WITHOUT COST

Is it land or water at the foot of E. Ninth-st for which wealthy Cleveland yachtsmen pay the government $5 a year and would charge the city $4250 for seven years?

Councilman Gahn Tuesday set out to find the answer.

He'll delve into records of the government deal, effected years ago by Mary Hanna, which gave the yacht club the site.

Board of control members Monday authorized lease of the motorboat harbor, now abandoned by the yacht club, and council transferred $1500 for the first payment.

The city's lease includes lakefront land just south of the harbor basin.

"But we don't need the land. The yacht club can't charge us for the water if we get a government permit. Yachtsmen can get to their boats in the harbor from made land on the east and north," Gahn said.

Mayor Baker told Gahn he'd hold off signing the ordinance until Gahn investigates.

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URGES MORE RENT FROM CITY DOCKS

Report From Finance Director Coughlin Also Asks for New Leases.

Baker in Doubt About Right to Exact Payment for Street-Ends.

Recommendations for new leases and increased rentals on city-owned docks along the Cuyahoga river and for efforts to obtain revenue from docks in use by lumber companies and others who pay the city no rent, are contained in a report of rentable municipal property prepared by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin. The report became available yesterday.

The statement raises again the questions of title to street ends from W. 25th-st westward, occupied by tracks and buildings owned by the Erie railroad, for the use of which the city, according to report, receives little or no rent.

Mayor Newton D. Baker is of the opinion the city has surrendered no rights in the street ends, although some of them have been used for a half century and more, but said yesterday he couldn't say off-hand whether the city could require payment for their use.

Councilman J. E. Smith, who asked for the report originally, declared after examining it yesterday he believed it would be well for a council committee to take a day or longer to look over all the property listed, to determine whether a scheme could be evolved for increasing the city's revenue from it.

Director Coughlin said he thought in almost every instance rentals should be increased on docks already rented. He declared it was doubtful, however, whether the city could appreciably increase its revenue from these sources without spending money to improve the docks.

Docks at Case and Hume-sts N. W. and at Girard and Leonard-sts N. W. and wharves on French-st N. W., Hume-st, Girard-st, Central-av S. W., Railway-av S. W. and Mary-av S. W., eight in all, are used by various concerns for piling lumber and other purposes, but yield no rent, the report stated. Director Coughlin said there should be some revenue from these properties.

Land and a dock at the foot of W. 3d-st is rented to the Municipal Fish & Produce Co. for $10 a month, but no contract or agreement is on file, and a lease is advised in the report.

A new lease with the B. & O. for property at Riverbed and Main-avs, and new leases with the Erie for four properties and wharves, are recommended.

The report points out that with respect to a wharf on German-st N. W., with a forty-four-foot river frontage, the Big Four railway was given the right in 1877 to lay tracks the full length of the street for twenty years. Tnat right expired in 1897, eighteen years ago, it was stated, but there is no record of any subsequent legislation.

Councilmen said they believed there should be revenue from the use of the street.

Leader
Wed. May 19.

RECOMMENDS RAISES IN RENTS ON CITY DOCKS

Increased rental for city-owned docks and rental for docks in use by lumber companies that pay nothing to the city, is recommended by Director of Finance Coughlin in a report yesterday. The report was asked for by Councilman Smith.

Coughlin said he believed dock rentals should be increased in every instance where the city already was receiving some revenue. His report also advises a lease on the dock at the foot of W. 3d st., now rented to a fish company for $10 a month.

Plain Dealer
Thursday May 20

DEMAND BARBER CO BARE SUBWAY PLAN

Councilman Bernstein and F. H. Goff Want to Know Project Backers.

Former Declares City Too Lenient in Dealing With Roads.

From Councilman Alex Bernstein at a public meeting of the council committee of the whole yesterday afternoon and from F. H. Goff, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce public utilities committee, at a noon meeting yesterday, came the statement that the company seeking the Barber subway grant should explain definitely who is back of the project.

The councilman coupled his demand for this statement with the assertion that the city has been too lenient in its dealings with railroads. In addition, he declared it looked like a grant in the interests of some existing railroad.

"The railroads are asking too much and they are not giving the city anything in return," said Councilman Bernstein. "What are the Barber people going to do for the people of this city in return for this valuable grant? What demand is there for the subway that they propose? Is this a promoter's scheme? The company ought to lay its cards on the table.

"It looks like a grant in the interests of some existing railroad if it is not a promoter's scheme. How do we know but that they will ask for further valuable rights when they once obtain this franchise?

"The Cleveland & Youngstown obtained a harmless grant at first. Now it is asking for the vacation of some forty streets. I have reason to believe the New York Central is back of this latest request for the diversion of forty streets. We ought to be cautious about giving any more grants to the railroads."

Attorney Harvey D. Goulder attended this meeting as the representative of the Barber Co., and he replied that it was his belief that no existing railroad was interested in the project. The committee will meet a week from Friday for another discussion of the grant.

At noon yesterday the public utilities committee, the transportation committee and the rivers and harbors committee of the Chamber of Commerce met with the special council committee at the chamber building. F. H. Goff, chairman of the chamber public utilities committee, presided.

"We would like to know who is really back of this project," Mr. Goff said, speaking for his committee. "What assurances have we that if the franchise is granted the subway will be built? We have no desire to be hostile toward this project and we have expressed the same attitude toward the Hopkins subway ordinance, but we believe firm assurance should be given that the project will go through.

"The forfeiture clause provides that the work shall be begun within twenty-four months. That is a long time. Of course, the work should not be pressed, but we do not want to see an ordinance granted for purposes of speculation.

"This clause further provides that four miles of track be built in five years and the entire project completed in seven years, the company reserving the right to abandon certain parts if necessary. Then the city may forfeit the franchise on three months' notice if the construction is delayed or discontinued for two months.

"We do not think it wise to grant a franchise upon which the people to whom it is granted might speculate."

D. F. Hurd, chamber traffic commissioner, reported for the transportation committee that the ordinance has not yet reached a point where the consideration of the committee was necessary.

Attorney Goulder, representing the interests of O. C. Barber, declared that so far as he has learned there is no railroad behind the subway project. Mr. Barber, he said, has received word from an eastern construction company that it was considering taking up 75 per cent. of the bonds of the proposed subway company.

The chamber committees will meet with the council committee and Mayor Baker to discuss the project further next Wednesday.

President Thompson of city council will propose an amendment to the grant at the coming committee of the whole meeting, requiring the company to build a municipal recreation pier for the city at the foot of E. 55th-st.

Leader
Thurs. May 20

CHAMBER FEARS SPECULATION IN E. 55TH SUBWAY

Committee Chairman Tells Councilmen Two Years Is Too Long Delay in Starting Work.

Criticism of the proposed franchise ordinance giving the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company the right to build a four-track freight subway beneath E. 55th st. came from two sources yesterday.

Councilman Bernstein arraigned all Cleveland railroads at a meeting of a special council committee considering the subway grant. Committees from the Chamber of Commerce also found fault with a number of the subway ordinance provisions.

"I am anxious to find out who owns the city," said Bernstein. "The railroads seem to think that they control it. Let's find out who is back of this proposed subway before we pass a valuable franchise ordinance. Railroads are not hurrying to build a union depot or give up lake front which the courts say belongs to the city.

Demand Street Vacation.

"We gave the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad a franchise for what was supposed to be an electric line for rapid transit to Shaker Heights. Now the company comes in and demands the vacation of forty streets near the heart of the city. The property in that section is not even held in the name of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad."

The committee adjourned until 28. Councilman Thompson said that he would have an amendment requiring the company to build a recreation pier at E. 55th st. in return for the franchise right.

F. H. Goff, chairman of the utilities committee of the Chamber of Commerce, said that two years was too long in which to allow the company to begin work.

Opposes Speculation.

"The company ought not to be given a franchise for speculation," said Goff. "We want assurance that it is a real enterprise and will be pushed through to completion."

H. L. McKinnon, chairman of the river and harbor committee, said that the project would not interfere with harbor development. The company plans extensive fills at E. 55th st. in connection with the subway.

Press.
Thursday May 2

SAYS BUILDER GAVE WARNING ON CITY AWARD

Councilman Asserts Firm Told Him Trouble Would Follow Giving of Contract.

CONTRACTOR IS WITNESS

Tells Council Committee He was Offered $12,000 to Withdraw Bid.

Councilman Rolf Thursday testified at a public council committee hearing that a representative of the Goff-Kirby Coal Co. told him that if the contracts for the $569,000 Harvard-av car barns were given to Thompson, "there'd be trouble for Witt and council."

The hearing was called to investigate charges of Roderick D. Grant, contractor, against Tractioner Witt and Walter I. Thompson Sons Co., another contracting firm.

Grant, who charged he was offered $12,000 to withdraw from bidding on the car barns a year ago, refused to answer when asked if he bought builders' supplies from the Goff-Kirby company.

Alleges Offer of Money.

Grant testified before council's street railway committee that on May 22 he was called up by John Thompson, of the Thompson firm, and urged to withdraw from the bidding.

"Thompson told me I was simply wasting my time," Grant said. "'They're going to give me the job, anyway,' Thompson told me.

"I refused to follow Thompson's advice. On May 28, I. T. Kahn, connected with the Republic Structural Iron Co., offered to back me financially. I had been informed my bid was $11,000 low. Later Kahn told me he had been offered $12,000 by the 'other people' to withdraw his backing. I refused to have any connection with such a deal."

Say Witt Refused Aid.

Grant then told how, at 1 a. m., he had called up John Thompson, after having arranged with his wife to listen on an upstairs extension telephone. Thompson, he said, had reiterated his offer made to Kahn.

"If you'd give me the whole $12,000 tonight I wouldn't take a cent of it," Grant said he told Thompson.

Grant testified his bid was thrown out, and that he was informed Tractioner Witt had advised against letting the contract to him.

"I went to Witt and told him the story," Grant said, "but Witt said he could do nothing for me."

Grant, when questioned as to why he went to Councilman Fitzgerald, a republican, with his complaint, said: "I may have wanted to make a public exposure of it."

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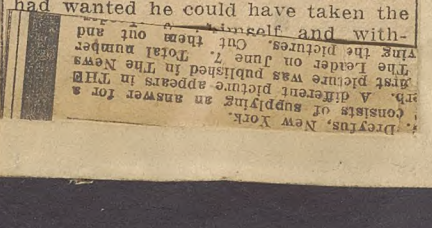
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Thompson Offer Not a Sale Proposition, Says Mrs. Grant.

KAHN CONTRADICTED

Mrs. Thompson's Ear Also at Phone; Grant Springs Surprise, Asks Rehearing.

Mrs. Roderick D. Grant, whose husband's charges that $12,000 was offered to induce him to withdraw his bid for a Cleveland railway contract precipitated the hearing by council street railway committee, took the stand yesterday and contradicted testimony that it was merely an attempt to buy the contract.

She told of overhearing by means of an extension telephone a conversation between her husband and John W. Thompson, in which the latter offered $10,000 to Grant if his backer, I. T. Kahn, would withdraw for $6,000. Her story of a personal conversation between Kahn and her husband, as overheard by her, was opposed to the story told by Kahn on the stand.

Mrs. Grant was not the only "concealed witness" in the negotiations between Grant and Thompson, the active member of the contracting firm which, contractors say, had a monopoly on railway company's business.

Mrs. Thompson Also Listening.

While Grant talked with Thompson, and Mrs. Grant listened upstairs in the Grant residence, Mrs. Thompson, in the Thompson residence, was also "becoming a witness." This indication that Thompson was quite as suspicious as Grant came from the former during his testimony yesterday morning.

Grant last night sprang a surprise, that is expected to reopen the hearing, in turning over to Director of Law Stockwell his figures on the second bid. The Walter I. Thompson & Son Company was declared low bidder in this and awarded the contract.

Grant's figure, on the second bid he said last night, was $560,643; that of the Thompson company $561,800.

Director Stockwell will give the new figures to Chairman Koch of the committee, this morning.

Demands Chance.

"I shall demand an opportunity to question officials of the company as to why I was not called in as low bidder, and as to why I was not given an opportunity to bid on alternate figures," said Grant.

President Stanley of the railway company said he did not believe Grant was low bidder on the second attempt.

"I have testified that to the best of my recollection his bid was $565,000," said Stanley.

More sensations are promised, however, at a public hearing on the testimony before the committee at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Interesting moments were furnished the spectators by the exchange of cutting remarks and repartee between Street Railway Commissioner Witt and Councilman FitzGerald. Witt had been on the stand but a few moments when he entered into a verbal battle with FitzGerald, accusing the latter of being "intellectually crooked" and "physically lazy."

"If I'd been on the public payroll and sucking public 'pap' as long as Witt has I would be lazy," shouted FitzGerald hotly.

Witt Shouts as Gavel Thumps.

While Chairman Koch beat furiously with the gavel in an effort to end personalities, FitzGerald demanded opportunity to answer Witt. Witt continued to shout sarcastic things which nobody, including himself, could hear, and lawyers and members of the committee demanded order.

On the stand Witt was forced to admit what he stated to the committee a week ago and later denied, that Grant had come to his office "muttering something about the contract not being on the square."

FitzGerald charged on the floor of the council that Witt was negligent as a public servant in failing to see that the contract for the Harvard ave. shops went to the lowest bidder.

Interrogated by FitzGerald, Witt admitted that he took the bids and figures furnished by the railway company to satisfy himself as commissioner that the contracts would go to the lowest bidder and that the bid was not excessive. When the time comes that the company can't be trusted this far it is time for municipal ownership, Witt said.

Gave Work to Friends.

Witt admitted that he had said, concerning the Thompson contracts, that he believed the car company did as anyone else would do—gave work to its friends when the price was right. Witt introduced the name of Thomas Schmidt, stockholder of the railway company, saying that Schmidt had called on him to say that Grant was low bidder and to ask that he use his influence to see that Grant got the contract. When he took the stand Witt described himself as a "candidate for mayor," but was rebuked by Chairman Koch, who said the committee had no interest in his political aspirations.

Mrs. Grant testified she heard Kahn remind her husband that if he withdrew his financial support, the contract would be lost and that Thompson would "get the job at his own figure." She said her husband definitely refused to consider any such proposition. She then told of hearing John W. Thompson tell her husband he was "standing in his own light" by refusing the offer, as "they" would get the contract, anyway.

President Stanley of the railway company, and familiarly referred to by Witt as "John," testified that the Walter I. Thompson & Son Company had had at least eleven large contracts since the Tayler grant went into effect, but always because they were the lowest bidder.

Stanley declared he told Grant there was "nothing doing" when he learned that it was expected to assign the contract to the Republic Structural Iron Company. He said he wanted to do business with the principal. Kahn is secretary-treasurer of the iron concern.

Recalled to the stand, Grant in rebuttal said there had never been anything said about assigning the contract to the structural iron company. At the conclusion of his testimony he accused Kahn of "turning turtle," but this was ordered stricken out. Grant said he had offered to pay Schmidt to help him get the contract.

Leader

Wednesday May 26,

JUDGE MEALS DENIES HE WILL RUN FOR MAYOR

Persistent rumors that Judge Walter D. Meals, of the court of appeals, was to resign his seat on the bench and become a Republican candidate for mayor were silenced, for a time at least, by a statement issued by the jurist yesterday.

"I have no intention of resigning from the bench," said he. "Furthermore, I am not a candidate for mayor, and at the present time have no intention of becoming one."

Demands that Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton withdraw from the mayoralty race under threat of being opposed by one having the solid backing of the League of Republican Clubs were made by speakers at a league meeting in the Engineers building last night.

Confidence of a Republican victory in the mayoralty campaign this fall was expressed by all speakers, providing that the party presented a unified front. Such a result could only be obtained, many speakers declared, by the withdrawal of both Davis and Norton.

Cornelius Maloney, former State Senator Harvey, Milan Gallagher and John Cox also spoke. The M. A. Hanna Club and the Frank B. Willis Club were admitted to membership in the league last night.

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Otto J. Zinner, 311 Society for Savings building, will become a United States commissioner on June 1, succeeding Edward C. Daoust, of the law firm of Wilkin, Cross & Daoust, who resigned yesterday. Judge Clarke, of the federal district court, accepted Daoust's resignation and appointed Zinner to his place. Daoust was named commissioner in June, 1912. His term will expire June 1, 1916.

"The compensation a commissioner receives is not adequate reimbursement for the time he must give to the office," said Daoust in explaining his retirement.

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Notices were sent out by the Democratic executive committee to all ward leaders yesterday, requesting that all Peter Witt mayoralty petitions be turned in by June 1. The organization expected to have at least 20,000 signers to Witt's petitions, but it is admitted by many Democrats that the number will fall short of the mark.

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The Seventh Ward Democratic Club will hold an open meeting tomorrow night at Zabel's hall, W. 14th st. and Auburn ave. Superintendent Wright of City hospital will give an illustrated talk on the institution of which he is in charge.

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The Western Reserve Republican Club, E. 55th st., near Cedar ave., expects a large attendance at its meeting tomorrow night. Many prominent Republicans have been asked to be present and join in a general discussion that is to be held on the local political situation.

CITY'S EXCHANGE OF REALTY WILL BE BAKER TOPIC

Representatives of twenty business and civic organizations and two council committees will meet with Mayor Baker tomorrow to discuss the proposed exchange of city lake front land with the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads.

The meeting was arranged by Baker yesterday. Officials of the railroads have offered the city seventy acres of land along the eastern lake front in exchange for the city's W. 9th st. holdings and a union passenger station site in Lakeview park, at the foot of E. 3d st. Baker said he wanted to get the advice of experts before taking up further negotiations.

Depot plans will also be discussed at a meeting of the whole city council this afternoon when a hearing is held on the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad's application to vacate forty downtown streets.

Councilman Bernstein at this hearing will demand that company officials state definitely who is behind the project.

News.

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WRIGHT SCORED FOR LAXITY BY STATE EXAMINER

Calls Bookkeeping at City Hospital Slow; Calls County Commissioners Careless.

Civil service commissioners announced Wednesday that Howell Wright, City hospital superintendent, who beat Charities Commissioner James B. Vining in the examination for his job, must immediately undergo a civil service test for his present $3,600 post, provided competent examiners can be procured.

Almost simultaneously, State Examiner C. S. Metcalf made public his 1914 report on the hospital. In it he roundly scored Wright for lax bookkeeping methods, for negligence in delaying bills to the county and then permitting irregularities in them, and for not installing a cost system state examiners recommended two years ago.

Commissioners will meet Friday to decide definitely the date of the test to be given Wright. If competent examiners will serve it will be given within a month or six weeks at the most. In no case, it was said Wednesday, will the test be delayed beyond this summer. Plans also will be laid by commissioners to put thirteen other important posts, with salaries ranging from $1,650 to $2,700, in the classified service as soon as possible.

Beckkeeping Far Behind.

One pithy paragraph in Metcalf's report to State Auditor Donahey, covering 1914, carries most of the criticism against Wright. Metcalf said: "Your examiners had hoped to report nine months of 1914, but were unable to do so as the bookkeeper was so far behind. The storeroom books were allowed to go completely by the board, and the bills against the county were not rendered until December. These bills amounted to approximately $85,000, and the hospital always needed money."

Metcalf also noted that in 1913 he had requested the hospital to install a ledger system to handle the accounts of miscellaneous pay patients. This has been completely ignored, Metcalf reported, "and it is to be hoped that instructions given in 1913 will be carried out shortly."

The county commissioners were criticized for paying money to the city for care of patients at City hospital when there was no record to show the patients were sent there by probate court in a report made Wednesday by M. K. Patterson, of the state examiner's office.

City Paid; Can't Find Names.

Investigation showed, Patterson's report said, that the city collected money from the county for patients whose names do not appear in court records. The commissioners had accepted the word of the city welfare director without ascertaining whether the county was being properly charged.

Lack of data in the commissioner's office made it impossible to check accurately the number of cases for which the county paid, Patterson reported. He advised that the commissioners in future pay for no patients unless the city furnishes proof in each case that the charge is proper.

City hall wondered Wednesday whether the breach between Welfare Director Cooley and Wright would be widened as a result of the latter's being forced to submit to a civil service test. Relations of Cooley and Wright have been strained since Wright, standing first, ousted Vining from his $3,000 job. Wright said Wednesday he would submit to any test the commissioners set before him, while Cooley said a test for the hospital superintendency was justified.

Edward A. Kline, commissioners' secretary, said Mayor Baker's policy of hospital management would be adhered to. Wright was appointed to give the institution a "business administration," and it is expected the examination will be framed to include questions concerning the business end to the exclusion of the medical side.

Other jobs to be up for consideration Friday are: T. W. Cannel, superintendent of garbage collection and reduction, $2,000; John F. Dooley, bridge superintendent, $2,700; W. Q. Radcliffe, city sealer, $2,100; E. W. Cunningham, assistant building commissioner, $2,700; board of education's chief accountant, $1,800, and three engineering posts in the building department, $1,650.

Press

Wed. May 26.

WRIGHT MUST TAKE EXAM TO HOLD JOB

Howell Wright, City hospital head, must undergo at once a civil service examination for his $3600 post, civil service commissioners announced Wednesday.

Wright was attacked Wednesday for his administration of City hospital in a report made public by State Examiner C. S. Metcalf. Metcalf charged Wright with permitting lax bookkeeping methods.

Press

Thursday May 27.

TO CLEAR WITT IN CONCON ROW

Council Committee Will Absolve Commissioner.

Council's street railway committee, in a report next Tuesday, will clear Tractioner Witt in connection with charges made by Roderick D. Grant, contractor, that Grant was offered $12,000 a year ago to withdraw his bid on the Concon's Harvard carbarns.

Councilman Koch, chairman of the committee, Thursday was instructed to draft the committee's report, which will say:

That testimony showed Witt had no knowledge of the alleged $12,000 offer.

That if the contract price submitted by the W. I. Thompson Sons Co. was fair, neither Witt nor the Concon can be blamed for allowing the contract to go to Thompson, even tho Grant was offered $12,000 by Thompson to "withdraw from bidding," or to "sell his contract."

That altho Witt has authority to investigate bids more closely he is not obliged to make such investigations.

That five resolutions approving various contracts, held up by council when Councilman Fitzgerald sprung Grant's charges, be approved at once.

The charges, Koch will find, were the outgrowth of a contractors' squabble.

BAKER READY TO SWAP CITY LAND

Mayor Baker went with Server Sidlo Thursday to the lakefront for one last look before deciding on what parts of the city's riparian land to swap for railroad property, in union depot negotiations.

Baker has called a meeting for late Thursday at which he'll test out public opinion on what concessions the city ought to make in the way of lakefront land trades in order to hurry up building of the new station.

Representatives of business and civic and other organizations have been invited to attend.

Baker will suggest that the city part with most of its Bath-st tract, just east of the Cuyahoga river, in return for lakefront land east of E. Ninth-st. He'll urge that the city hold out for its $1,400,000 price on the Lakeview tract, on which it is proposed to build the station.

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STOCKWELL IS TRYING TO CLEAR SKIRTS OF WITT

—Fitzgerald

Councilman Charges Law Director Plays Politics in Probe of Car Bid Juggling.

TWO HAVE HOT CLASHES IN COMMITTEE HEARING

Republican Leader Demands City Have Representative Present on Opening of Bids.

Councilman Fitzgerald, before council street railway committee Friday, point-blank charged Law Director Stockwell with exerting every effort during the hearing on Roderick D. Grant's charge of bid juggling on railway work to keep Traction Commissioner Witt's skirts clear for his coming mayoralty campaign.

Fitzgerald and Stockwell clashed often while the former was summing up the evidence presented at the two-day hearing. Repeatedly, when Stockwell denied statements credited by Fitzgerald to Witt and President Stanley of the Cleveland railway, Fitzgerald read the record to prove his point.

"Must Have Been Asleep."

When Stockwell declared Witt denied that Grant had ever informed him the bidding for the railroad company's $560,000 Harvard-E. 49th st. shops wasn't "on the square," Fitzgerald hurled at Stockwell: "You don't know what you were talking about," and "You must have been asleep when that occurred." Then Fitzgerald proved his point by referring to Witt's answers to his cross-examination questions.

"You're the most red-headed partisan I ever saw," Fitzgerald retorted to Stockwell. "Your every move during the whole hearing was to give Witt a clean bill of health. This hearing isn't political, it's for the best interests of car riders in Cleveland. Witt's charge that back of this is nothing but politics, doesn't carry much weight."

Fitzgerald and Councilman Dittrick, committee member, both recommended that a representative of the council or of Witt's office be present when the company opens bids. Fitzgerald went further and insisted that Witt's engineers check over every detail of the work.

"Witt now checks over the bids to see that the low bidder gets the work," Councilman Reynolds interrupted.

Witt Should Investigate.

"All Witt does is to go over figures and data sumbitted by the railway company," Fitzgerald retorted. "He should not rest content with that; his office should investigate thoroughly. It's as much Witt's duty to determine whether the low bidder was low honestly as it is for him to draw his salary."

Reynolds said the city would be "interfering" with the company were a city representative present at the opening of bids, but said it would be satisfactory to him if the company consented.

Committee members instructed Chairman Koch to draft a report, based on the "sentiment of the committee developed so far," and report to council Tuesday night.

The sentiment is favorable to Witt.

BAKER TO SEEK BUSINESSMEN'S ADVICE IN TRADE

Sentiment to be gleaned at a conference late Thursday to be attended by three council committees and representatives of twenty business organizations will determine largely the city's attitude toward the proposed lake front trade between the city and the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines for a new union station.

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Republican Leader Demands City Have Representative Present on Opening of Bids.

Councilman Fitzgerald, before council street railway committee Friday, point-blank charged Law Director Stockwell with exerting every effort during the hearing on Roderick D. Grant's charge of bid juggling on railway work to keep Traction Commissioner Witt's skirts clear for his coming mayoralty campaign.

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When Stockwell declared Witt denied that Grant had ever informed him the bidding for the railroad company's $560,000 Harvard-E. 49th st. shops wasn't "on the square," Fitzgerald hurled at Stockwell: "You don't know what you were talking about," and "You must have been asleep when that occurred." Then Fitzgerald proved his point by referring to Witt's answers to his cross-examination questions.

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Fitzgerald and Councilman Dittrick, committee member, both recommended that a representative of the council or of Witt's office be present when the company opens bids. Fitzgerald went further and insisted that Witt's engineers check over every detail of the work.

"Witt now checks over the bids to see that the low bidder gets the work," Councilman Reynolds interrupted.

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The sentiment is favorable to Witt.

BAKER TO SEEK BUSINESSMEN'S ADVICE IN TRADE

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Enthusiastic at Outlook.

All speakers were enthusiastic over the outlook for the Republican party this fall and declared that a united front was all that was necessary to bring about a Republican victory. In opening the meeting President Sarstedt declared the purpose of the meeting was to sound sentiment and find out the strength of the candidates.

Maurice Maschke, collector of internal revenue, spoke favorably of Davis' candidacy, declaring he was the strongest of the two men in the field. He also urged party solidarity. Charles Harris, chairman of the county central committee, declared strongly for Davis, stating that a vote of the precinct committeemen had shown public sentiment favored Davis overwhelmingly.

Louis H. Winch, former judge of the court of appeals, declared that indorsement of either candidate at this time might endanger the predicted victory of this fall.

Say One Should Be Eliminated.

Other speakers, including Congressman H. I. Emerson, former County Commissioner Harry L. Vail, John E. Jaster, Dr. A. P. Howland, A. de-Bernstein and Milan Gallagher presented that one of the present elim-avowed candidates should be voluntary inated, either by their voluntary withdrawal or by being forced out by party leaders.

"I demand that all candidates be given a fair chance," said Eggers, for opposing the motion of Hirstius for an indorsement of Davis and Norton, presenting a motion favorable to Norton.

Sarstedt, who acted as chairman, then refused to put either motion, declaring that he believed it was not yet time for any decided action. He then announced the motions would be laid on the table to be taken up at a meeting on next Thursday.

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CONFEREES FAVOR EXCHANGE OF LAND IN DEPOT PROJECT

Approve of Proposed Trade of All Bath-st Property at Meeting in Mayor's Office.

Baker Issues Invitations to Friends for Private Conference on Proposed Deal.

TRACT CITY MAY OFFER NOW USED BY ROADS

Lawyer Announces Three Railways Won't Enter Terminal Scheme.

Complete surrender of all of the Bath-st lake front property owned by the city in exchange for railroad land on the lake front east of E. 9th-st was favored yesterday by a number of business men and city officials in a private meeting to which they were invited by Mayor Newton D. Baker at his office. Newspaper reporters and others were denied admittance to the session.

The advice of most of those present, it is said, was that the city go a step further than heretafore proposed and dispose of all of the Bath-st land in return for a larger slice of railroad lake front land than the roads had heretofore offered to cede to the city.

The Bath-st property comprises the land lying north of the New York Central railroad tracks between the Union depot and the east government pier and stretching north to the lake front water line. The land is now used by the railroads and is covered with a network of switch and sidetracks and coal dumping plants.

After a long legal fight, the supreme court of Ohio recently awarded the land to the city, with the exception of such riparian rights as may belong to the railroads under a contract made with the city in 1849, which contract is to be made the basis of a future suit to determine the roads' or the city's interest in the riparian rights. The Bath-st property comprises about 2,200,000 square feet of land estimated to be worth about $1.50 a square foot, or $3,300,000 for the entire tract.

Land Involved in Trade.

The other land involved in the proposed trade extends from E. 9th-st to E. 26th-st and lies between the New York Central tracks and a dock line to be established later by the federal government. Most of this land is now under about twenty feet of water and Mayor Baker said yesterday that he has never yet been able to find any expert who could give him a value on it. The railroads are to fill this out to the harbor line to be established by the government.

Among those who attended the meeting in the mayor's office yesterday were:

Bascom Little, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Harvey D. Goulder, attorney representing Great Lakes vessel interests; C. E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Co.; Attorney John G. White, who represented the owners of reversionary rights in Lakeview park in their unsuccessful court fight to prevent the city disposing of Lakeview park to the railroads for a union depot; E. H. Baker of the Plain Dealer Publishing Co.; Clarence Neal, president of the Cleveland Chamber of Industry; Herman Schmidt, president of the Paul Schmidt Co., dealer in wines, mineral waters, liquors and delicacies, 729 Prospect-av S. E. In addition to Mayor Baker there were also present the following city officials:

Council Head Attends.

W. F. Thompson, president of council; J. J. McGinty, chairman of council committee on harbors and wharves; J. W. Reynolds, chairman of the lake front development commitee of council; Alex. Bernstein, chairman of the steam railways committee of council; Joseph Sledz, councilman; R. E. Collins, city clerk.

Fred Schauffler, former land expert with the New York Central railroad, now head of the Schauffler Realty Co., and a member of the Cleveland Real Estate Board, went to the city hall to attend the meeting, but was denied admission. He had received no invitation.

"I came to attend the meeting," said Mr. Schauffler, "because I represent a number of owners of land in the affected area, but I was denied admittance. It seems to me that a meeting in which the public's land is the subject of consideration should be open to the public.

"However, it makes but little difference, for if a trade is to be made, the whole plan must be put up to the people at a referendum election and then the public will have its say."

"I did not wish to admit newspaper reporters," said Mayor Baker after the meeting, "because I had invited the men to the conference and wanted them to feel free to express their opinions without fear of being quoted in the papers. I felt that in denying admittance to the reporters the men present would speak more freely and the city would thus get the benefit of their opinions.

"I think that the consensus of opinion among those present was in favor of trading the whole of the Bath-st property for a larger part of the railroads' lands east of E. 9th-st than the roads had heretofore contemplated giving the city in exchange.

"It seemed to be the opinion of those present that the Bath-st land was now being put to its ultimate extent of usefulness, that the city could make no better use of it and therefore it could very well be traded. The opinion seemed to be that the city should obtain everything it can in exchange for the property it disposes of."

As the union depot conference was in progress in the mayor's office yesterday, Attorney John L. Cannon, representative of the Cleveland & Youngstown, announced definitely that the New York Central, Pennsylvania and Big Four railroads would not enter into the Cleveland & Youngstown passenger terminal scheme at Prospect-av S. W. and Ontario-st.

"There is no likelihood that these roads will enter our passenger terminal plan," he said. "They are interested in the lake front depot project. We hope to interest the steam roads entering the city by way of the valley and the various interurban roads in our passenger terminal project."

Attorney Cannon further announced yesterday that the passenger terminal plans would be laid before council as soon as the freight terminal project is settled. An ordinance authorizing the vacation or relocation of forty streets in the lower Broadway section from E. 9th-st to E. 34th-st, is now before the council. The freight terminal is to cover this entire area and, according to Attorney Cannon, it will more than double the freight handling facilities of the city.

While Attorney Cannon has insisted that it is to be a project in which all steam railroads will be interested, Councilman Alex Bernstein has demanded proof that it is not a New York Central project. To this end he has urged that Mr. Cannon be required to produce contracts with other roads showing their relationship to the proposition.

'OUST OTHER SIDE,' REPUBLICANS CRY

Mayoralty Factions at 'Harmony' Meet Move Davis and Norton Quit.

After Failing to Agree, Call Meeting for Next Thursday.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Cleveland Republicans last night undertook an open effort to clarify their mayoralty situation.

A climax was reached in a harmony meeting held in the Western Reserve club, E. 55th-st, near Cedar-av S. E., when A. J. Hirstius, former sheriff, moved a committee of fifteen be appointed to ask Miner G. Norton to withdraw from the race.

Immediately F. H. Eggers, Norton supporter, was on his feet, declaring it would be unfair to put the motion until a later gathering. Then, to equalize matters, he moved that a committee be appointed to call on Harry L. Davis and request him to step aside.

President F. A. Sardstedt of the club declined to put either motion, and the upshot of the meeting was a decision to hold another session next Thursday night at the home of the Western Reserve club, to which both candidates and their friends will be invited.

Next Meeting Will be Warm.

It is possible some definite action looking toward asking one candidate to withdraw will result, although with how much avail is said by Republicans themselves to be an open question. That it will be a warm and merry meeting is a safe prediction.

Club officials were jubilant over last night's gathering, asserting it meant a start toward narrowing the mayoralty field to a single standard bearer. The meeting was called with the avowed intention of launching a harmony movement. Men whose names are synonymous with Republican politics participated in the discussion.

Assertions that the Republicans could not win with two candidates dividing the anti-administration forces featured the addresses. After introductory remarks by President Sarstert and a speech urging harmony and thought of party by Harry L. Vail, the music began when George B. Harris, chairman of the county central committee, declared himself "first, last and all the time" for Harry L. Davis. Candidate Davis was present. Mr. Norton was not.

"It has been said any Republican can be elected this year," said Mr. Harris. "If that is true, then there is one Republican who above all others should be the candidate, and that's Harry Davis."

A. E. Bernsteen, introduced by the president as an insurgent, said so long as each candidate advocated that harmony be obtained by prying out the other, Republicans might talk in vain "until they were blue in the face." He asserted that on "dope" he inclined kindly toward Mr. Davis, but urged that the party needed a new Moses.

Definitely on the side of a united strength with one candidate were Congressman H. I. Emerson, John J. Jaster, Dr. A., P. Howland and Secretary Maxwell V. Emerman of the club. Ex-Sheriff Hirstius said he believed a practical sugestion would be to send a delegation to Mr. Norton to advocate his withdrawal in the interests of those opposed to the present city administration.

Maurice Maschke, collector of customs and party organization chief, indorsed the motion of Mr. Hirstius. He said he believed no one present would contend Mr. Norton could get nearly the vote Mr. Davis could, and that if the Western Reserve club wished to accomplish a compromise, it could best bend its energies toward having Mr. Norton retire.

Mr. Eggers spoke a strong word for Mr. Norton. Among other speakers were ex-Judge Louis Winch, H. O. Van Hart, George Morrison and Milan T. Gallagher.

Beside the speakers those attending included Pierre A. White, Henry Beckerman, Russell V. Johnson, Municipal Judge Samuel Kramer, Cornelius Maloney, Jonathan Evans, John Cox, Charles B. Stannard, A. C. Bender, Robert Simpson, Fred P. Walther, John Braschwitz, Lyman O. Newell, A. B. Sprosty, Councilmen Alex Bernstein and Harry Gahn.

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DEPOT DEAL O K'D BAKER ASSERTS

Claims Only One Vote Cast Against Proposed Trade.

General approval of a plan to trade the city's 70-acre Bath-st lakefront tract, just east of the Cuyahoga river, in return for railroad-owned riparian land east of E. Ninth-st. was voiced late Thursday at a meeting of business and civic organization representatives and councilmen in Mayor Baker's office.

This was Baker's statement Friday. On the pending land trades depends building of a new union station by the railroads.

"The meeting was not public, because I had invited men to be present who, I felt, would give their opinions more freely if they were assured they would not be quoted in the newsapers," Baker said.

Land East Worth More.

"The consensus of opinion seemed to be that lakefront land east of E. Ninth-st is more valuable to our contemplated harbor development than that west, now used by the railroads for coal and ore handling."

Baker has promised no definite action will be taken by the city in the proposed trades without public approval at the polls.

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Bascom Little, president of the chamber of commerce; C. J. Neal, head of the West-side chamber of industry; attorney Harvey D. Goulder, representing vessel companies; C. E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Co.; John G. White, attorney for owners of reversionary rights in Lakeview park on the lakefront; Councilmen Thompson, Bernstein, McGinty, Reynolds and Sledz; Thomas G. Fitzsimons; Herman Schmidt, liquor dealer, 729 Prospect-av; and Morris Black, former chamber of commerce head.

Fitzsimons Against Trade.

Fitzsimons, former constitutional convention delegate, stood out against the trade.

"If railroads get the city's Bath-st tract, which we fought more than 20 years to secure, they'll hold the key to the lakefront situation," he said Friday.

Baker Friday said he will soon present for railroad heads' approval a detailed proposal along the lines discussed at the meeting.

MAY NOT AVOID SPLIT IN G. O. P.

"Both Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton will be republican candidates for mayor this fall, or neither of them will run."

This was the opinion voiced Friday by republican leaders who attended a "harmony meeting" of Davis and Norton supporters Thursday night at the Western Reserve club, E. 55th-st.

Discord instead of harmony developed at the meeting, and a proposal by former sheriff A. J. Hirstius, Davis supporter, that a committee be appointed to call on Norton and demand his withdrawal in behalf of party solidity was met by a counter proposition by Ferd Eggers.

Eggers proposed such a committee be named to call on Davis. Neither committee was named, however, and a second meeting was called for next Thursday night to make further plans for "harmony."

A compromise candidate, on which the followers of both Davis and Norton can unite, is believed by many to be the only way of avoiding a party split. No third candidate, however, is expected to enter the field unless both Davis and Norton withdraw.

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GAHN TO FIGHT LAKE LAND DEAL BAKER PROPOSES

Another bitter fight over Cleveland's lake front development was brewing Friday as a result of the knowledge Mayor Baker and Service Director Sidlo favor trading the city's fifty acres at the foot of W. 9th st. to the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines for land between E. 9th and 26th sts., now under twenty feet of water.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn served notice he will try to block any attempt to put over the trade until the Ohio supreme court has ruled on the city's suit to determine whether the Pennsylvania had any right to fill in the lake front just west of the river mouth. Gahn also declared full publicity must be thrown on any deal before finishing touches are added.

Baker's and Sidlo's land trade scheme, designed to hasten a new union station, became known Friday after they had met behind closed doors late Thursday with representatives of twenty civic organizations and councilmen. Baker said Friday the preponderance of sentiment was that land east of E. 9th is more desirable than that west. Baker's plan, revealed by representatives at Thursday's meeting, is to give the 2,200,000 square feet in the Bath st. property at the foot of W. 9th, won from railroads after a twenty-three-year court fight, to the Pennsylvania and New York Central for land east of E. 9th. The land the city is seeking now is completely submerged. Sidlo, defending the scheme, maintained the roads must make the fill. Also, the thirty-five acres at the foot of E. 3d st., must be procured by the roads for a station site for $1,400,000.

"It is preposterous to think of trading land estimated up to $20,000,000 for lake bottom," Gahn declared. "Supposing the city acquiesces in the trade, and Robert Morgan, formerly Cleveland counsel for the attorney general, loses his suit. That would mean the roads have no right to make a lake fill."

Baker said Friday he will write the result of Thursday's conference to New York Central and Pennsylvania officials and in a few days will invite them to another station meeting here.

Further developments in the lake front problem were expected late Friday when council at a special meeting was to consider the Barber grant for a $10,000,000 four-track subway under E. 55th st. and huge freight piers at the foot of 55th st.

Why Let Suburbs Run Our Politics? Miner Norton Ask

Miner G. Norton and Harry Davis, Republicans in the race the mayoralty nomination, Friday clared they "were in the fight to end" in answering efforts made have them withdraw in favor o compromise candidate. The sugg tion that both quit was made Thu day night at a meeting of the W ern Reserve Republican club, E. st. near Cedar ave.

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"We might as well call on sp ers from other states to run campaigns as nonresidents of C land who live just outside the said Norton.

Talk of Attorney John A. getting into the race was re Friday by Republican leaders.

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'PROPOSAL WOULD RUIN TUBE PROJECT'

Statement's Made by Lawyer After Commerce Chamber Urges Land Deed.

Barber Interests Refuse to Tell Who'd Finance Subway.

A proposal from the Chamber of Commerce that the O. C. Barber interests be required to deed the water front portion of their holdings to the city, evoked the statement from Attorney William M. White at yesterday's public meeting in the council chamber that the commerce chamber's suggestion would tear the heart out of the project. The statement prepared by the Chamber of Commerce was submitted to council yesterday by President Bascom Little.

As at other recent railroad meetings, Councilman Alex Bernstein led in the demand for further explanations as to the capital behind the project, and at yesterday's meeting he was answered by O. C. Barber, who attended the session with Attorney Harvey D. Goulder and Attorney White.

"I am only taking this franchise over to get someone to do the work," he said after it had been explained that the E. 55th-st subway would cost $15,000,000 and that the company is incorporated for only $10,000.

"As an individual I'd like to get all of the railroads interested in the job. It is not your duty to criticize the men who are striving to bring about this improvement. I'd like to have your energy and youth to help find men to build this. If you give us a fair franchise I think I can finance it."

The proposal from Councilman W. F. Thompson, submitted yesterday and referred to by Attorney White, is that the company be required to build a pier for the city at the foot of E. 55th-st. It would be 250 feet wide and 800 feet long and would be used for recreation purposes.

Councilman Thompson will urge the ordinance be amended in this manner at Tuesday night's council meeting when the franchise will be considered in committee of the whole.

The Chamber of Commerce suggestion was not discussed in full at yesterday's session, but after the meeting Mayor Baker expressed belief the city would agree to such a change if the company would accept the proposal.

Recommendations of the chamber are:

The Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railroad Co. should state to the city the shore frontage (now understood to be approximately three-fourths of a mile) which it either owns, has under option or agrees to buy, upon re-

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E. 55TH SUBWAY BACKING AWAITS PERMIT-BARBER

Promoter Tells Councilmen He Does Not Know What Financiers or Railroads He Will Interest.

O. C. Barber told a city council committee yesterday that he did not know what financial backing he would obtain or railroads he would interest in building a four-track subway in E. 55th st.

His answer was in response to Councilman Bernstein's demand that subway promoters state who are backing the project. Barber organized the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company, which has made application for a franchise.

Chamber Plan Presented.

Bernstein's attack on the proposed grant and recommendations by the Chamber of Commerce featured the public hearing on the measure. The chamber recommended deeding to the city all land made by filling into the lake at E. 55th st. On the passage of the ordinance the city would deed back to the company the land up to a bulkhead line. North of this the city should retain title and lease the tract to the company during the life of the subway franchise, in the opinion of chamber directors.

Barber's reply followed statements by Attorney W. M. White, representing the company, that it was impossible to make public the names of capitalists who would join in the subway project costing $15,000,000.

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A proposal from the Chamber of Commerce that the O. C. Barber interests be required to deed the water front portion of their holdings to the city, evoked the statement from Attorney William M. White at yesterday's public meeting in the council chamber that the commerce chamber's suggestion would tear the heart out of the project. The statement prepared by the Chamber of Commerce was submitted to council yesterday by President Bascom Little.

As at other recent railroad meetings, Councilman Alex Bernstein led in the demand for further explanations as to the capital behind the project, and at yesterday's meeting he was answered by O. C. Barber, who attended the session with Attorney Harvey D. Goulder and Attorney White.

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Leader Sat. May 29

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Chamber Plan Presented.

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Press
Mon. May 31.

COUNCIL TO ASK SUBWAY PLANS

Members Want to Know How City Would Benefit.

Just what is Cleveland going to get in return for the franchise to build a subway under E. 55th-st?

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Councilman Thompson last week introduced an amendment to the franchise ordinance, providing that the company build a recreation pier for the city. This will be discussed Tuesday night.

Bernstein will also demand again that the Barber people tell whom they expect to help furnish the capital. Barber told council last week it is none of the city's affair.

Plain Dealer
Tues. June 1.

URGES DELAY IN RAILROAD DEALS

Councilman Bernstein Would Postpone Action Until Planning Report's Made.

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Delay on three enormous railroad projects now in the hands of council committees and city officials until such time as the city planning commission about to be announced by Mayor Newton D. Baker can submit a report to council, will be demanded by Alex Bernstein, chairman of the council committee on street railways.

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News
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Press.
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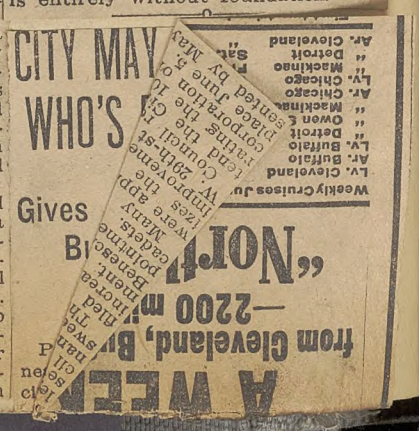
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CITY MAY SUE CITIZEN WHO'S BLAMED FOR FIRE

Gives Power to Prevention Bureau After Fight; 1916 Budget In.

Power to sue any Clevelander whose neglect causes a fire was given the city bureau of fire prevention last evening by the city council through the passage of an ordinance modeled after legislation in force in New York for several years. Opposition in the council was based on the claim the ordinance gives the department powers too sweeping.

The mayor's budget for 1916 was filed with council last evening. Big increases are sought in every department. Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch asks for funds for the appointment of 100 additional police cadets.

Many park expenditure ordinances were approved by council. One authorizes the expenditure of $4,500 in the improvement of Bulkley boulevard from W. 29th-st to W. 45th-st.

Council received an invitation to attend the City club banquet commemorating the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Cleveland, that is to take place June 5. The invitation was presented by Mayor Newton D. Baker.

News.

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CALLS ON WITT TO QUIT; DARES HIM TO DEBATE

"How comes it that Traction Commissioner Witt, self-claimed true-blue disciple of Tom Johnson and aspirant to his throne, is a bosom friend of the Cleveland Railway Company, the bitterest foe Johnson ever fought?"

Councilman Fitzgerald declared Wednesday his quest for the answer will be all the more earnest since council street railway committee whitewashed Witt of charges of neglect, preferred when he refused to probe Contractor Roderick D. Grant's charges of bid juggling in connection with railway company work.

"All through committee hearings Witt defended the company or company counsel attempted to extricate Witt," Fitzgerald declared.

That this fall's mayoralty campaign is to be a rough and tumble affair councilmen were certain Wednesday following the boiling-hot running debate between Mayor Baker, Witt, Fitzgerald and Councilman Gahn in council Tuesday night. "Liar" and "damn fool" came easily from Witt's lips. Less cutting invectives were common. He digressed once to assail Gahn for insinuating his old Eastland company was in the bidding for the easterly E. 9th st. pier.

Fitzgerald declared Witt should resign. He also threw down the gauntlet to Witt to battle him verbally at any time and any place.

By a strictly party vote, twenty to six, council "whitewashed" Witt. Then, by a similar vote, it gave second approval to $382,000 in railway contracts, most of the work going to Walter I. Thompson & Sons, who Witt charged offered him $12,000 to get out of the bidding for the company's Harvard-E. 49th shops.

CITY HALL FINDS FAULT WITH NEW BOAT PIERS

City hall already is picking flaws in the approach to the new C. & B. and D. & C. passenger terminals at the foot of E. 9th st., laid out by city engineers.

Following an inspection trip Mayor Baker declared Wednesday the automobile parking space isn't nearly big enough. Councilmen fear the roadway between the terminals and the bridge over the New York Central and Pennsylvania tracks isn't wide enough, and that a sidewalk is needed on the west side of the road as well as the east.

The C. & B. line will begin using its pier Sunday morning. It will be June 15 before the D. & C. lines the river permanently.

WITT COUNTS ON BAKER'S AID

Tractioner Witt, whipped by Councilman Rolf in the latter's fight to have St. Clair ave. cars, as well as those from E. 105th st., run to Euclid Beach, Wednesday was counting on Mayor Baker lending him a helping hand. Council Tuesday night passed Rolf's resolution demanding Euclid Beach service be the same as before Witt removed through Beach cars from St. Clair ave.

"The resolution isn't a resolution yet," Witt said. "Mayor Baker hasn't signed it."

Baker, however, is expected to abide by the council's vote. In this event through cars will be restored to St. Clair ave., thus giving W. 65th st. riders a chance to go to the Beach without paying a nine-cent fare. The Tayler grant gives council power to determine car routings, and Witt has no alternative.

"If the resolution stands it will be carried out," Witt said, "and through cars put on St. Clair ave. But it was a mistake. It will mean over-service at times on St. Clair and under-service on E. 105th st., and vice versa."

Press.

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GAHN CALLED LIAR BY WITT

Tractioner Also Terms Councilman "Damn Fool."

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In a free-for-all battle of words, with party lines strictly marked off, Witt termed Gahn a "liar" and a "damn fool."

As this climax was reached, councilmen and spectators burst out in laughter. And Witt grinned before Gahn could reply.

Gahn heatedly objected to "calling names" and offered to "settle it any time and any place Witt names."

Witt and Gahn Laugh.

Again the crowd ignored President Thompson's demand for order, and shouted joyously until both the democratic candidate for mayor and the republican councilman were laughing.

With a fistic duel averted, council adopted the street railway committee's report exonerating Witt of any negligence in supervision of Concon contracts.

Every councilman was present. The 20 democrats voted for the report, and the six republicans voted against it.

The report found by weight of evidence that the charges by Roderick D. Grant, contractor, who asserted he didn't get a fair deal in bidding on Harvard-av car barns, were "without foundation."

Gahn's statement that drew the fireworks was that "Witt certainly must have been negligent if contracts ran so high that contractors could afford to speculate on bids."

Witnesses had testified another contracting firm offered to buy the Grant bid for $12,000.

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His plan, announced just as a Republican general assembly has given the state a new gerrymander law, would make impossible any future effort by the party dominant in Ohio to capture the congressional delegation by juggling district lines. Mr. Witt pointed this out in declaring his scheme would do away with the "district fraud."

While selection of representatives in proportion to party strength as indicated by ballots cast has been discussed before, Mr. Witt's announcement includes what is called the first detailed plan ever offered for carrying the idea into effect.

End Postoffice Patronage.

In wiping out districts, Mr. Witt would put an end to postoffice patronage, asserting himself in favor of having the postmaster as well as all other postal officials under civil service.

The candidate believes proportionate party selection of congressmen is the only answer to the question of how to obtain "honest representation" in the national legislative body. It would result, he claims, in keeping the "big men" continually in congress, and would mean independence of representatives.

Ohio at present has twenty-two congressmen. That is the representation to which it is entitled by the population. Mr. Witt's plan would provide that each political party, every two years, at primary time, nominate twenty-two candidates for congress at large in the state, just as state officials are nominated. After the primary, each party would have a list of twenty-two congressional candidates.

At election time Mr. Witt would have provided on each ballot a space in which the voter would designate his national political affiliation, that being his congressional vote. The total of those votes as to national politics would form the sum on which the congressional representation would be decided. This would give the voter the advantage, Mr. Witt said, of being able to vote independently as to state politics, yet signify his stand on national political principles and say what party's candidates he wished to have represent him in congress.

Could Vote Two Tickets.

For instance, a voter might believe in Democratic fundamentals, yet consider the Republican state ticket superior to that of his own party. By the Witt scheme, he could vote for Republican state officials, yet cast his vote for Democratic principles nationally.

With Ohio entitled to twenty-two congressmen, the total vote as to national politics would be divided by twenty-two, giving a common divisor.

The number of congressmen which each party had eelcted would be determined by dividing each party's vote by the common divisor thus obtained. Suppose the Democrats were found to have elected nine congressmen. Then the first nine of those nominated in the Democratic primary would be declared elected. Each party's representation would be figured the same way.

No party would have elected a congressman which had cast less than one-twenty-second of the total congressional vote.

In support of his contention that year after year minority parties are not given honest representation in congress although they cast large percentages of the total vote, Mr. Witt cited the figures of the 1912 election.

In 1912, Democrats elected nineteen congressmen, the Republicans three. Yet the Republicans cast 26 per cent. of the total vote for governor. The Democrats cast 42 per cent. Progressives, who elected no congressman, cast 21 per cent. of the total. Socialists cast 8 per cent. and were not represented in the congressional delegation.

Under Mr. Witt's plan, the 1912 election would have sent nine Democrats, six Republicans, five Progressives and two Socialists to congress.

The total vote was 1,036,731, which divided by twenty-two gives 47,124 as a common divisor. The Democratic vote was 439,323, which divided by 47,124 would give nine. The Republicans, with a vote of 272,500, would get five on division by 47,124. Dividing the Progressive vote, 217,903, by 47,124 would give four. The Socialist vote, 87,709, divided by 47,124, would give one.

This would total only nineteen. As the Socialist Labor and Prohibition parties cast less than 47,124 votes, they would not be represented. The three other congressmen to make up the full delegation would be drawn from those parties which had, in order, the highest remainders after their total votes were divided by 47,124. This would add one each to the Republican, Progressive and Socialist delegations, making the full twenty-two.

"Our national government is a government by party," said Mr. Witt. "Our representation in congress should be by party, not by district. Those men go down there to represent a party and its principles, not a district. The people of a party should select the candidates.

"We never get honest representation in congress, and the result is that we do not go forward as we should. At present each party, as it captures the state legislature, next tries to capture the congressional delegation, and succeeds in doing it. As a result of gerrymanders, it many times has happened that Republicans, casting 55 per cent. of the vote, got twenty congressmen, and the Democrats, with 45 per cent. of the total, got one. Or it has happened that the Democrats, with only a slightly larger percentage of the votes than the Republicans, got eighteen congressmen and the Republicans three.

"This plan will get us honest representation. It will assure forever keeping in congress the man who rises to big position, because you can't kill him by a gerrymander, and you couldn't conceive of a time when his party organization would not poll enough votes to be entitled to representation.

"It would make the representative independent of local and district influence."

News.

Thursday June

MAYOR'S ORDER TO CUT STRIKES AT $2-DAY MEN

Ash and Rubbish Collection Force Must Work Short Time to October.

HIGHER SALARIED ONES SUFFER NO REDUCTION

Will Throw 200 Men on the Labor Market, Now Already Badly Crowded.

Mayor Baker's order to city department heads that a $1,500,000 deficit must be cut, Thursday hit 200 two-dollar-a-day city employees. Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna has been ordered to reduce his force of 1,000 men 10 per cent. To accomplish this he has issued an order that until October 200 ash and rubbish collectors will work on a five-day-a-week schedule. This will save the city $400 a week and will cut the city deficit $6,400.

More two-dollar-a-day men in Hanna's department face a similar cut.

So far none of the heads of other departments have been ordered to save by laying off high salaried clerks for one or more days each week.

Hanna's orders to curtail expenses were imperative and issued in face of the fact that the state-city free employment bureau daily is besieged with men looking for work and that the mayor's "cut expenses" order will throw onto the labor market 200 men who will have to seek a day's work each week to make up the money the city deprives them of.

Hanna and Sidlo Disagree.

The May report of the city-state employment bureau, issued Thursday, shows that 2,431 of the 8,603 new registrations in the whole state were in Cleveland. There were 8,678 applicants for work, while 2,950 were placed.

Service Director Sidlo Thursday said paved streets are clear of the winter's accumulation, and with a score of street car flushers working at night the cut in service will not be noticed. But Hanna takes a different stand. He says that once his department gets behind it will take weeks to catch up.

"Following Baker's orders to save

Some frocks closing out at $1.98

Girls', misses' and women's frocks taken from the second floor and marked down to a very low price without regard to original tickets.

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His plan, announced just as a Republican general assembly has given the state a new gerrymander law, would make impossible any future effort by the party dominant in Ohio to capture the congressional delegation by juggling district lines. Mr. Witt pointed this out in declaring his scheme would do away with the "district fraud."

While selection of representatives in proportion to party strength as indicated by ballots cast has been discussed before, Mr. Witt's announcement includes what is called the first detailed plan ever offered for carrying the idea into effect.

End Postoffice Patronage.

In wiping out districts, Mr. Witt would put an end to postoffice patronage, asserting himself in favor of having the postmaster as well as all other postal officials under civil service.

The candidate believes proportionate party selection of congressmen is the only answer to the question of how to obtain "honest representation" in the national legislative body. It would result, he claims, in keeping the "big men" continually in congress, and would mean independence of representatives.

Ohio at present has twenty-two congressmen. That is the representation to which it is entitled by the population. Mr. Witt's plan would provide that each political party, every two years, at primary time, nominate twenty-two candidates for congress at large in the state, just as state officials are nominated. After the primary, each party would have a list of twenty-two congressional candidates.

At election time Mr. Witt would have provided on each ballot a space in which the voter would designate his national political affiliation, that being his congressional vote. The total of those votes as to national politics would form the sum on which the congressional representation would be decided. This would give the voter the advantage, Mr. Witt said, of being able to vote independently as to state politics, yet signify his stand on national political principles and say what party's candidates he wished to have represent him in congress.

Could Vote Two Tickets.

For instance, a voter might believe in Democratic fundamentals, yet consider the Republican state ticket superior to that of his own party. By the Witt scheme, he could vote for Republican state officials, yet cast his vote for Democratic principles nationally.

With Ohio entitled to twenty-two congressmen, the total vote as to national politics would be divided by twenty-two, giving a common divisor.

The number of congressmen which each party had elected would be determined by dividing each party's vote by the common divisor thus obtained. Suppose the Democrats were found to have elected nine congressmen. Then the first nine of those nominated in the Democratic primary would be declared elected. Each party's representation would be figured the same way.

No party would have elected a congressman which had cast less than one-twenty-second of the total congressional vote.

In support of his contention that year after year minority parties are not given honest representation in congress although they cast large percentages of the total vote, Mr. Witt cited the figures of the 1912 election.

In 1912, Democrats elected nineteen congressmen, the Republicans three. Yet the Republicans cast 26 per cent. of the total vote for governor. The Democrats cast 42 per cent. Progressives, who elected no congressman, cast 21 per cent. of the total. Socialists cast 8 per cent. and were not represented in the congressional delegation.

Under Mr. Witt's plan, the 1912 election would have sent nine Democrats, six Republicans, five Progressives and two Socialists to congress.

The total vote was 1,036,731, which divided by twenty-two gives 47,124 as a common divisor. The Democratic vote was 439,323, which divided by 47,124 would give nine. The Republicans, with a vote of 272,500, would get five on division by 47,124. Dividing the Progressive vote, 217,903, by 47,124 would give four. The Socialist vote, 87,709, divided by 47,124, would give one.

This would total only nineteen. As the Socialist Labor and Prohibition parties cast less than 47,124 votes, they would not be represented. The three other congressmen to make up the full delegation would be drawn from those parties which had, in order, the highest remainders after their total votes were divided by 47,124. This would add one each to the Republican, Progressive and Socialist delegations, making the full twenty-two.

"Our national government is a government by party," said Mr. Witt. "Our representation in congress should be by party, not by district. Those men go down there to represent a party and its principles, not a district. The people of a party should select the candidates.

"We never get honest representation in congress, and the result is that we do not go forward as we should. At present each party, as it captures the state legislature, next tries to capture the congressional delegation, and succeeds in doing it. As a result of gerrymanders, it many times has happened that Republicans, casting 55 per cent. of the vote, got twenty congressmen, and the Democrats, with 45 per cent. of the total, got one. Or it has happened that the Democrats, with only a slightly larger percentage of the votes than the Republicans, got eighteen congressmen and the Republicans three.

"This plan will get us honest representation. It will assure forever keeping in congress the man who rises to big position, because you can't kill him by a gerrymander, and you couldn't conceive of a time when his party organization would not poll enough votes to be entitled to representation.

"It would make the representative independent of local and district influence."

News.

Thursday June

MAYOR'S ORDER TO CUT STRIKES AT $2-DAY MEN

Ash and Rubbish Collection Force Must Work Short Time to October.

HIGHER SALARIED ONES SUFFER NO REDUCTION

Will Throw 200 Men on the Labor Market, Now Already Badly Crowded.

Mayor Baker's order to city department heads that a $1,500,000 deficit must be cut, Thursday hit 200 two-dollar-a-day city employees. Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna has been ordered to reduce his force of 1,000 men 10 per cent. To accomplish this he has issued an order that until October 200 ash and rubbish collectors will work on a five-day-a-week schedule. This will save the city $400 a week and will cut the city deficit $6,400.

More two-dollar-a-day men in Hanna's department face a similar cut.

So far none of the heads of other departments have been ordered to save by laying off high salaried clerks for one or more days each week.

Hanna's orders to curtail expenses were imperative and issued in face of the fact that the state-city free employment bureau daily is besieged with men looking for work and that the mayor's "cut expenses" order will throw onto the labor market 200 men who will have to seek a day's work each week to make up the money the city deprives them of.

Hanna and Sidlo Disagree.

The May report of the city-state employment bureau, issued Thursday, shows that 2,431 of the 8,603 new registrations in the whole state were in Cleveland. There were 8,678 applicants for work, while 2,950 were placed.

Service Director Sidlo Thursday said paved streets are clear of the winter's accumulation, and with a score of street car flushers working at night the cut in service will not be noticed. But Hanna takes a different stand. He says that once his department gets behind it will take weeks to catch up.

"Following Baker's orders to save to minimize the city's operating deficit, we determined to curtail service where it would least affect home owners," Sidlo said. "Ash collection is not so imperative now as in the winter months. Streets all are clean now and car flushers should make up for the shorter force."

Others Make No Cut.

Law Director Stockwell hasn't cut expenses and won't. Welfare Director Cooley says he can't cut unless patients are turned out of City hospital and Warrensville.

Safety Director Benesch, by dropping $100 off the $1,500 salaries of fifteen plumbing and electrical inspectors and by failing to fill several vacancies, claimed Thursday he is saving $4,000 a year. Utilities Director Stage isn't affected by Baker's order.

Finance Director Coughlin, who told Baker the city's operating deficit of $1,500,000 needed immediate attention, hasn't saved anything. But by January 1 his cutting the salary of the commissioner of assessments and licenses from $2,400 to $2,000 will have filled up a $23 hole in the city treasury.

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Friday June 4.

MAY HOLD PRIMARY TO PICK CANDIDATE

Republicans Here Plan to Disregard Nonpartisan Charter to Get Man.

Will Ask Two Avowed Aspirants to Abide by Result of Canvass.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Republicans of Cleveland will disregard the nonpartisan city charter and hold an unofficial primary to let the party's voice name the anti-administration candidate for mayor, if a plan formulated last night is approved and adopted.

A movement to decide upon a method of canvassing the Republican sentiment, perhaps by mail, perhaps through a local Republican newspaper, with the Republican vote in the primary last summer as a basis, and then to try to have the two avowed candidates already entered agree to abide by the result of the canvass, was inaugurated at an open meeting that packed to capacity the spacious quarters of the Western Reserve club, E. 55th-st, near Cedar-av S. E.

A committee of three was appointed to investigate ways and means of making such a canvass and report at another session next Thursday evening. The three on the committee are F. A. Sarstedt, president of the Western Reserve club; James Woods, president of the Tippecanoe club, and John Braschwitz, president of the League of Republican Clubs.

The decision to have the Republican party at large designate Peter Witt's opponent and have the announced candidates accept the designation was reached at the end of a meeting featured by speeches for both Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton.

Advocates Primary.

Samuel J. Kornhauser, former assistant county prosecutor, who said the city charter was "conceived in hypocrisy and projected for the advantage of the Democratic party," advocated a vote be taken among 5,000 selected Republicans to hit upon a candidate. Out of all the discussion the determination to have a committee report on a method to make a party canvass shaped itself.

There were warm and conspicuously partisan addresses. F. H. Eggers, in asserting Mr. Norton would make "the best mayor Cleveland ever had," launched a hot attack on the Republican county executive committee, which he said tried to dictate the mayoralty candidate.

When Mr. Eggers said "if there is a stronger man than Miner Norton, trot him out," there were calls of "Davis, Davis," and a shout of laughter, in which the speaker joined.

Councilman Bernstein stood almost directly in front of Mr. Norton as he asserted "this is not Miner Norton's time to run for mayor." When he concluded, Dr. A. P. Howland arose and asked the councilman whether under any conditions he would consent to the withdrawal of Mr. Davis.

Mr. Bernstein, who had advocated Mr. Norton's withdrawal, said he was not "Mr. Davis' guardian," and that he was simply stating his "honest opinion" in saying he considered Mr. Davis the strongest contender.

Councilman W. S. FitzGerald was greeted with thunderous applause when asked to speak. He indorsed the candidacy of Mr. Davis, and said personal ambitions must be subordinated in settling the question of who should run.

Other speakers included ex-Judge Louis H. Winch, John C. Heald, Cornelius Maloney, W. R. Coates, Herbert G. Wood, Howard Burgess and Milan T. Gallagher.

OPEN BAKER CLUB, BOOST WITT.

Tenth Ward Democrats Hear Speech by Mayor Baker.

Addresses by conspicuous Cleveland Democrats last night marked the opening of the new club rooms of the Tenth Ward Baker club.

The speakers included Mayor Newton D. Baker, Candidate Peter Witt, County Clerk E. B. Haserodt, John Sulzmann, Congressman William Gordon, Assistant Police Prosecutor Samuel Silbert, Internal Revenue Collector Harry H. Weiss, Joseph C. Breitenstein, assistant United States district attorney. Councilman John W. Reynolds presided. A vote of indorsement for Peter Witt was cheered and applauded.

RESTRAINS CITY FROM TAKING LAKE FRONT LAND

Judge Killits Grants Injunction on 9th-st Asked by Trust Company.

A temporary injunction restraining Mayor Newton D. Baker and Director of Public Service Tom L. Sidlo from taking possession of the railroad lake front lands near W. 9th-st was granted in an order issued by Federal Judge John M. Killits of Toledo and filed in the United States clerk's office here yesterday.

The injunction was asked by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York, which filed suit against the city several months ago as holder of $10,000,000 worth of mortgage bonds issued by the C. & P. railroad.

The Farmers Loan & Trust Co., argued its right to sue the city because the $10,000,000 issue of bonds it holds are secured by claims on the land which the city would take.

The disputed tract is described in the petitions as lying along the lake, west of W. 9th-st and east of the river and north of Front-st.

Leader
Friday June 4.

PRIMARY PROPOSED TO PICK REPUBLICAN MAYORALTY ENTRY

An unofficial primary at which all registered Republican voters of the city may vote for a mayoralty candidate was approved at a meeting of the Western Reserve Club last night as a means by which one or both of the avowed candidates now in the field could be eliminated.

Upon a motion that was unanimously adopted, a committee composed of Frank Sarstedt, president of the club; James Wood, president of the Tippecanoe Club, and John Braschwitz, president of the League of Republican Clubs, was named to devise ways and means for conducting an informal primary, which would accurately register the sentiment of Republican voters.

After details of a primary have been worked out the committee will report back to another meeting to be held at the Reserve Club next Thursday night. Samuel J. Kornhauser, attorney, suggested the primary method. Former Judge Ong and Councilman Gahn enlarged upon it. A postal card canvass of all voters registered at the last primary was advocated by many as the most feasible type of primary.

Success of such a plan not only depends upon its endorsement at next week's meeting but also upon both Norton and Davis agreeing to abide by the primary result, it was pointed out by several speakers. The committee will also meet with the candidates with this end in view.

In opening last night's meeting, President Sarstedt declared that he would refuse to recall from the table the motions of a week ago asking both Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidates, to withdraw. Norton was present but refused to speak when urged by his supporters.

Kornhauser denounced the nonpartisan ballot system as a "trap spread by the well organized Democratic party to trip its opponents." He declared the Democrats had to "swallow Witt whether they liked him or not because of powerful interests that got behind him at the start."

Former Judge L. H. Winch, W. R. Coates, Cornelius Maloney, Robert Simpson, Howard H. Burgess, Herbert S. Wood and Dr. L. E. Siegelstein spoke in favor of the elimination of one or both present candidates. Councilmen Bernstein, FitzGerald and Gahn and J. C. Heald reiterated their advocacy of Davis' candidacy, declaring they believed him to be the stronger. F. H. Eggers pleaded for support of Norton.

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Congressman Crosser is making a fight at the national capital against the appointment of Burr Gongwer, recommended by Senator Pomerene, as collector of customs here, according to Washington dispatches last night.

Not content with his interview Wednesday with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Crosser went directly to the White House yesterday. He did not see the President, but presented his objections to Gongwer and his recommandation of Don P. Mills to the President's secretary.

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CITY ENJOINED IN NEW BATTLE FOR LAKE LAND

Federal Judge Killits Restrains Ousting of Pennsylvania Railroad From $20,000,000 Bath Street Tract.

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The injunction granted to the Farmers Trust and Loan Company, of New York, means further continuance of this legal battle. The city has been victorious in Ohio and United States supreme courts, both of which confirmed the city's title to the tract. The land comprises between thirty and forty acres, all located west of W. 9th st.

It is believed an appeal will now be made to the United States supreme court to make the injunction permanent. Mayor Baker, commenting on Judge Killits' order, reiterated his belief that the city's title to the land is perfectly good. He declared the injunction would in no way affect negotiations for exchange of the Bath st. land for land near E. 9th st., owned by the transportation lines and that it will not affect the Union depot negotiations.

The railroads acquired rights across the tract in question, by contract from the city in 1849. Claiming this gave them a fee simple interest, the railroads in 1891 sued for possession of the tract, but this was finally awarded to the city by the Ohio supreme court.

It was two months ago that the New York Trust Company brought suit saying it had a $10,000,000 mortgage on the property, antedating the decision by which the city was awarded possession.

Press

Friday June 4.

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"What we need is a commission to go over salaries and equalize them," declared Coughlin, opposing Benesch's cut. "All other big cities are doing it. Board members confront salary squabbles frequently. The question should be settled once for all."

Board members sidestepped final action Friday by giving Law Director Stockwell, Coughlin and Benesch a week to consider.

Leader
Saturday June 5.

ELECTRICIANS TURNED DOWN ON PAY QUESTION

Mayor and Board Refuse to Tell Federation President Whether Present Scale Will Be Raised.

Mayor Baker and city board of control members yesterday flatly refused to tell J. W. Hart, president of the Federation of Labor, whether the pay of city electricians was to be raised. City employees have been working for 50 cents per day less than the union scale since May 1.

Hart declared that electrical workers throughout the city were anxiously awaiting the action of the municipality. He said that the union would demand back pay for city workers since the new wage scale became effective. There is a possibility that city electricians will be called out on strike unless the demand is met.

"We cannot tell you what action will be taken," said Baker. "We don't know ourselves. The salary committee of the board of control has not acted upon the matter. We don't know exactly when it will be taken up."

Hart's demand for action on the pay of electrical workers followed an unsuccessful attempt by union labor representatives to have restored salaries of electrical and plumbing inspectors. Director of Public Safety Benesch cut the pay of sixteen inspectors from $1,500 to $1,400 per year.

This is less than the amount earned by journeymen electricians and plumbers, Thomas Farrell, secretary of the Federation of Labor, said. He branded the action of the city in reducing the pay of these men as unjust.

Director of Finance Coughlin stood for a reclassification and standardization of all salaries. He suggested that this be done by persons outside the city government or by municipal officials.

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The question of restoring the original pay of inspectors was referred to a salary committee. It will report to the board at a later meeting.

NORTON REFUSES 'PRIMARY' PLAN

Western Reserve Club Suggestion to Settle on Candidate by Vote Rejected.

Efforts of the Western Reserve Club looking toward the elimination of one or both of the present mayoralty candidates were halted abruptly yesterday when Miner G. Norton, candidate, announced he would not abide by the results of any unofficial primary among Republican voters. The primary method of settling on a candidate was advanced at a meeting of the Reserve Club Thursday night.

"I am in the mayoralty race to stay," Norton said last night. "No lawful primary can be held and I will not abide by any unofficial one. When my friends urged me to run I agreed to if they would get enough signers to my petitions. They did their part and I intend to do mine by remaining in the race."

Harry L. Davis, however, declared his willingness to abide by the results of an unofficial primary. He declared he would step out if he was shown that there was a stronger man than himself in the field.

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CIVIC LEAGUE WILL SELL ITS BULLETIN

Changes Policy Because Demand for Publication is on Increase.

Norton Will Ignore Move for Republican Mayoralty Primary.

Quarterly bulletins of the Civic League of Cleveland hereafter will be on sale at all news stands at 5 cents a copy, according to a new policy adopted yesterday by the executive committee.

Heretofore copies of bulletins were distributed free. Demand for copies last year was so great, it was said yesterday, that, in fairness to members, a charge of 5 cents a copy will be made to all persons who are not members.

The executive board yesterday considered and approved the contents of the next quarterly bulletin, which will appear early next week and which deals with the Ohio general assembly under the title "The Breakdown of the Legislative Machinery." The board also approved the plan for the bulletin to follow, which will deal in detail with the municipal situation and will be known as the "Pre-Election Number."

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"Primary? What primary?" asked Mr. Norton yesterday. "There is no such thing. The primary law has been done away with. I am a candidate for mayor as I said a long time ago. I have not altered my stand."

Harry L. Davis, Republican, also a mayoralty candidate, declared he gladly would submit his name to any fair poll in order to learn who is the stronger candidate.

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Congressman Robert Crosser returned to Cleveland last night from Washington, where he went partly in behalf of Don P. Mills, his candidate for the position of collector of customs here.

Mr. Crosser said he had now new information as to who will get the federal appointment. Senator Atlee Pomerene has recommended Burr Gongwer, clerk of the board of elections. The congressman said he had made no attempt to see President Wilson on his Mills mission, because the president was busy with international affairs.

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Board of Control Acts After Hearing Protests of Labor Officials.

Mayor Newton D. Baker and other members of the city board of control were told by representatives of the Cleveland Federation of Labor at yesterday's city board meeting labor would oppose all salary reductions.

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"Or $10,000?" asked the mayor with a smile.

"Or $10,000," replied Secretary Farrel. "The city should find some other way to cut expenses." The labor representatives oppose the reduction in salary of electrical and plumbing inspectors that already has been put into effect. Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch moved this matter be reconsidered yesterday and after considerable discussion the question of re-establishing the inspectors' former pay was referred to committee.

MAY CUT LIGHTING RATE

Illuminating Co. Expected to Bear Appraisement Reduction.

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Coincident with this change in the "talk," members of the committee appointed at the Western Reserve club last Thursday night to devise an unofficial primary scheme to let the Republican party-at-large pick its mayoralty candidate find themselves practically blocked by the announcement of Miner G. Norton, that he would not abide by the result of any such canvass. The committee, however, is making an effort which its chairman, F. A. Sarstedt, will not discuss just yet, and another crowded meeting is expected at the Western Reserve club Thursday night, when the committee will report.

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The East Cleveland chamber of commerce has urged by postcards sent to voters that East Cleveland vote dry and favored a charter and the school bonds.

C. E. Moore, secretary of the Cuyahoga County Home Rule association, yesterday issued a statement that a "hysterical circular" concerning the East Cleveland election distributed by the drys was an attempt to brew a "tempest in a teapot."

"So far as the Cuyahoga County Home Rule association and all affiliated liberal organizations are concerned," said Secretary Moore, "in the East Cleveland Beal law election there has not and will not be a single effort against the proposition. Individuals may vote their own convictions, which right we trust the dry organization will not dispute. East Cleveland is a residence district which has been saloonless for a great many years. It is the policy of the liberal organization of this county not to in-



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VOTE ON PASTEURIZATION OF MILK PLAN DELAYED

Measure to Be Submitted to Mayor; $525,000 for West Side Disposal Plant Proposed.

Opening of pool and billiard rooms on Sunday is made illegal by an ordinance submitted to the city council last night. The measure was introduced by Councilman Woods. It amends the recently enacted ordinance closing poolrooms between the hours of midnight and 7 o'clock in the morning.

Woods said that the ordinance had no connection with Police Chief Rowe's crusade for the closing of clubs where intoxicating liquors are sold on Sundays. It follows a demand by constituents for a Sunday closing ordinance, he said. Poolroom proprietors are expected to fight the measure. It was referred to the committee on judiciary for public hearings.

Vote on Milk Measure Delayed.

Mayor Baker is to pass upon Councilman Smith's milk pasteurization ordinance before it is risked to a vote in the council. This was decided upon at a caucus of Democratic councilmen yesterday afternoon. Smith had planned to put the measure to a vote last night, although he had but ten votes pledged for it.

If Baker gets back of the pasteurization ordinance, administration members will push it through the council, it is said. Small milk dealers, who claim that they will be forced out of business, are responsible for the opposition to pasteurization.

Members of the council street railway committee divided yesterday on the question of extending the E. 105th st. car line into Garfield park and girdling the park with a single line of railway track. Councilmen Stolte and Dittrick opposed the plan. Chairman Koch and Councilman Reynolds supported it. Action was delayed. The council approved a franchise ordinance passed by the village of South Newburg. This routes cars to the park over a new street to be built off Warner rd. An ordinance extending the Buckeye car line from E. 116th st. to E. 130th st. was introduced.

Disposal Plant Financed.

Authority to spend $525,000 for the construction of a West Side sewage disposal plant was given in an ordinance by Councilman Horrigan. How-



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Councilman Damm Tells Promoters of E. 55th St. Project Recreation Plan Will Be Insisted on by Public.

ATTORNEYS HOLD PLAY SPOT IDEA IMPRACTICAL

Action on Amendment to Franchise Is Postponed Until Next Week.

Warning that voters will oppose a franchise for a freight subway in E. 55th st. unless plans provide for a lake front recreation pier in connection with the project, was given by Councilman Damm last night.

Damm's declaration came at a meeting of a committee of the whole city council. Attorneys for the subway company had attacked Councilman Thompson's proposal that the company construct a pier at E. 55th st., in return for rights given by its proposed franchise.

"The city would have no use for the pier," said Attorney W. M. White. "It would be an unsightly, rotting thing to be kept up by the municipality. The company would have to give up 400 feet of its holdings in order to build it."

Voters Must Approve.

"Recreation piers are expensive luxuries," said Attorney Harvey D. Goulder. "They should not be built in the midst of ore and coal docks." This brought forth Damm's reply.

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A number of changes were made in the pending ordinance. Action on Thompson's proposal was postponed for a week.

The committee decided that any change from electricity in operating power for subway cars should be approved by the council. The director of public service was empowered to decide whether the subway is to be built by tunneling or with an open cut.

Most of these changes were agreed upon at a conference between the company attorneys, Mayor Baker and Director of Public Service Sidlo in the afternoon.

Holds Plan Idealistic.

White declared that the Chamber of Commerce's recommendations on the subway ordinance were "idealistic." The chamber plan is that land made by filling into the lake at E. 55th st. be deeded to the city. Councilman Bernstein asked that the chamber committee be invited to attend another hearing next Monday night.

Councilman McGinty assailed members for absenting themselves from committee meetings. He asked that the sergeant-at-arms enforce attendance.

The council will go over the right of way of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad this afternoon.

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WILL FIGHT FOR SUBWAY CHANGE CHAMBER ASKS

Minority council members Tuesday planned to fight to have Chamber of Commerce recommendations included in the franchise sought by Ohio C. Barber, match king, for his freight subway through E. 55th st. Council committee of the whole Monday night rejected an amendment presented by Councilman Gahn, following out recommendations of the chamber, that the company deed to the city a strip of land 200 feet wide for highway and belt line purposes. The amendment was defeated by a party vote after Mayor Baker told Councilmen the extra width should not be demanded.

"The Chamber of Commerce has made an exhaustive study of the proposition and its recommendations are well worth while," Councilman Bernstein said. "I am going to insist that the recommendations be included."

While the council committee of the whole has considered the Barber franchise at several meetings, charges were made that the majority members will follow the ideas accepted by Baker in his several star chamber sessions with Attorneys Goulder and White, representing the subway company.

Three Chamber of Commerce committees decided upon the proposed amendments after councilmen had invited the chamber to study the franchise.

"I think all meetings should be open so the people will know what is being done," Bernstein said.

Chamber officials and members will attend the next meeting of the committee. They are expected to take part in the fight to have their recommendations considered.

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Tractioner Witt is going to be boss of his own mayoralty campaign and isn't going to take any order from the Democratic executive committee as to when or where he speaks in the campaign and what he talks about.

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Witt has served notice that he's going to spend most of his time throughout the campaign at Republican meetings. According to his plans he's going to bob up at practically every Republican meeting and harass the speakers. He will make his big play on taxation.

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Attorney W. S. Fitzgerald, Republican floor leader in council, Tuesday wouldn't discuss talk that he may become a compromise Republican candidate for mayor. Harry L. Davis and Attorney Miner G. Norton, both now making an active canvass, declare they will stay in the race regardless of any compromise talk.

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Increasing numbers of Republicans seem to think that, perhaps, he did. Despite the fact that Mr. FitzGerald's close affiliation with the candidacy of Harry L. Davis, the name of the councilman is coming to figure as frequently in undercurrent talk of a compromise mayoralty candidate as formerly did the names of Judge Walter D. Meals of the court of appeals, and W. H. Boyd.

Coincident with this change in the "talk," members of the committee appointed at the Western Reserve club last Thursday night to devise an unofficial primary scheme to let the Republican party-at-large pick its mayoralty candidate find themselves practically blocked by the announcement of Miner G. Norton, that he would not abide by the result of any such canvass. The committee, however, is making an effort which its chairman, F. A. Sarstedt, will not discuss just yet, and another crowded meeting is expected at the Western Reserve club Thursday night, when the committee will report.

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Polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., eastern time, which is East Cleveland and Cleveland time.

The East Cleveland chamber of commerce has urged by postcards sent to voters that East Cleveland vote dry and favored a charter and the school bonds.

C. E. Moore, secretary of the Cuyahoga County Home Rule association, yesterday issued a statement that a "hysterical circular" concerning the East Cleveland election distributed by the drys was an attempt to brew a "tempest in a teapot."

"So far as the Cuyahoga County Home Rule association and all affiliated liberal organizations are concerned," said Secretary Moore, "in the East Cleveland Beal law election there has not and will not be a single effort against the proposition. Individuals may vote their own convictions, which right we trust the dry organization will not dispute. East Cleveland is a residence district which has been saloonless for a great many years. It is the policy of the liberal organization of this county not to interfere in such districts, which policy we have strictly followed out in the case of East Cleveland."

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It is understood his visit has nothing to do with the situation anent his recommendation of W. B. Gongwer for appointment as collector of customs. It was intimated yesterday he probably would discuss with leaders here the meeting of the Democratic state committees to be held Friday, when the question of an effort for a referendum vote on some of the Republican administration's measures will be considered.

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Charles P. Salen was in Columbus yesterday, conferring with Republican administration leaders.

As other leaders of the True Democracy league were in Columbus trying to induce Gov. Frank B. Willis to name Louis M. Day of Chillicothe as member of the public utilities commission, it was thought probable Mr. Salen's visit had something to do with the same situation. Mr. Day was secretary of the [illegible] True Democracy league last fa[illegible]

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COUNCIL ASKED TO CLOSE POOL ROOMS SUNDAY

Ordinance Introduced by Woods Referred to Committee, Where Proprietors Plan to Attack It.

VOTE ON PASTEURIZATION OF MILK PLAN DELAYED

Measure to Be Submitted to Mayor; $525,000 for West Side Disposal Plant Proposed.

Opening of pool and billiard rooms on Sunday is made illegal by an ordinance submitted to the city council last night. The measure was introduced by Councilman Woods. It amends the recently enacted ordinance closing poolrooms between the hours of midnight and 7 o'clock in the morning.

Woods said that the ordinance had no connection with Police Chief Rowe's crusade for the closing of clubs where intoxicating liquors are sold on Sundays. It follows a demand by constituents for a Sunday closing ordinance, he said. Poolroom proprietors are expected to fight the measure. It was referred to the committee on judiciary for public hearings.

Vote on Milk Measure Delayed.

Mayor Baker is to pass upon Councilman Smith's milk pasteurization ordinance before it is risked to a vote in the council. This was decided upon at a caucus of Democratic councilmen yesterday afternoon. Smith had planned to put the measure to a vote last night, although he had but ten votes pledged for it.

If Baker gets back of the pasteurization ordinance, administration members will push it through the council, it is said. Small milk dealers, who claim that they will be forced out of business, are responsible for the opposition to pasteurization.

Members of the council street railway committee divided yesterday on the question of extending the E. 105th st. car line into Garfield park and girdling the park with a single line of railway track. Councilmen Stolte and Dittrick opposed the plan. Chairman Koch and Councilman Reynolds supported it. Action was delayed. The council approved a franchise ordinance passed by the village of South Newburg. This routes cars to the park over a new street to be built off Warner rd. An ordinance extending the Buckeye car line from E. 116th st. to E. 130th st. was introduced.

Disposal Plant Financed.

Authority to spend $525,000 for the construction of a West Side sewage disposal plant was given in an ordinance by Councilman Horrigan. Howell Wright, superintendent of City hospital, asked authority to transfer $20,000 appropriated for operating expenses to a maintenance fund for the completion of the Nurses' Home building. He also asked for a $2,600 appropriation for a new ambulance.

The state board of health reported that it could not condemn Burke brook as a public nuisance, as requested by the council. The board said that the stream was polluted by iron wastes and acids. It suggested that action be taken against manufacturers.

Luna park officials were given permission to give a pyrotechnical display during July.

VOTERS DEMAND PIER IN SUBWAY GRANT, WARNING

Councilman Damm Tells Promoters of E. 55th St. Project Recreation Plan Will Be Insisted on by Public.

ATTORNEYS HOLD PLAY SPOT IDEA IMPRACTICAL

Action on Amendment to Franchise Is Postponed Until Next Week.

Warning that voters will oppose a franchise for a freight subway in E. 55th st. unless plans provide for a lake front recreation pier in connection with the project, was given by Councilman Damm last night.

Damm's declaration came at a meeting of a committee of the whole city council. Attorneys for the subway company had attacked Councilman Thompson's proposal that the company construct a pier at E. 55th st., in return for rights given by its proposed franchise.

"The city would have no use for the pier," said Attorney W. M. White. "It would be an unsightly, rotting thing to be kept up by the municipality. The company would have to give up 400 feet of its holdings in order to build it."

Voters Must Approve.

"Recreation piers are expensive luxuries," said Attorney Harvey D. Goulder. "They should not be built in the midst of ore and coal docks." This brought forth Damm's reply.

"People in my ward have been demanding a recreation pier at E. 55th st. for twenty-five years," said he. "I don't think they will approve a franchise unless provision for this is made. The company should bear in mind that the franchise must meet the approval of voters."

A number of changes were made in the pending ordinance. Action on Thompson's proposal was postponed for a week.

The committee decided that any change from electricity in operating power for subway cars should be approved by the council. The director of public service was empowered to decide whether the subway is to be built by tunneling or with an open cut.

Most of these changes were agreed upon at a conference between the company attorneys, Mayor Baker and Director of Public Service Sidlo in the afternoon.

Holds Plan Idealistic.

White declared that the Chamber of Commerce's recommendations on the subway ordinance were "idealistic." The chamber plan is that land made by filling into the lake at E. 55th st. be deeded to the city. Councilman Bernstein asked that the chamber committee be invited to attend another hearing next Monday night.

Councilman McGinty assailed members for absenting themselves from committee meetings. He asked that the sergeant-at-arms enforce attendance.

The council will go over the right of way of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad this afternoon.

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WILL FIGHT FOR SUBWAY CHANGE CHAMBER ASKS

Minority council members Tuesday planned to fight to have Chamber of Commerce recommendations included in the franchise sought by Ohio C. Barber, match king, for his freight subway through E. 55th st. Council committee of the whole Monday night rejected an amendment presented by Councilman Gahn, following out recommendations of the chamber, that the company deed to the city a strip of land 200 feet wide for highway and belt line purposes. The amendment was defeated by a party vote after Mayor Baker told Councilmen the extra width should not be demanded.

"The Chamber of Commerce has made an exhaustive study of the proposition and its recommendations are well worth while," Councilman Bernstein said. "I am going to insist that the recommendations be included."

While the council committee of the whole has considered the Barber franchise at several meetings, charges were made that the majority members will follow the ideas accepted by Baker in his several star chamber sessions with Attorneys Goulder and White, representing the subway company.

Three Chamber of Commerce committees decided upon the proposed amendments after councilmen had invited the chamber to study the franchise.

"I think all meetings should be open so the people will know what is being done," Bernstein said.

Chamber officials and members will attend the next meeting of the committee. They are expected to take part in the fight to have their recommendations considered.

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Attorney W. S. Fitzgerald, Republican floor leader in council, Tuesday wouldn't discuss talk that he may become a compromise Republican candidate for mayor. Harry L. Davis and Attorney Miner G. Norton, both now making an active canvass, declare they will stay in the race regardless of any compromise talk.

Fitzgerald Tuesday said he had given no serious consideration to talk of his candidacy. Two years ago he was chairman of Davis' committee, and this year is a member of his [illegible]

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Louis H. Winch, former judge of the appellate court, declared he believed both Norton and Davis should step aside for another candidate. He mentioned the names of Boyd, Herrick, Baker and Howland as the party's best mayoralty timber. He announced himself as strongly favoring the entrance of Baker into the race.

J. C. Heald and Francis V. Brady declared that under the non-partisan voting system the Republicans' chances of winning were enhanced by having two candidates in the field. They predicted that the election would be decided upon second choice votes and that either one or two Republican candidates would poll more of those than Peter Witt. F. H. Eggers spoke in favor of attempting to induce former Ambassador Herrick to enter the race.

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Tractioner Criticises Proposal of Socialists.

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The socialist municipal convention Sunday went on record as favoring such an ordinance, and voted that it be first presented to council, and later to a referendum at the fall election, if council defeats it.

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Only $16,215,000 could be added to the city's bonded ndebtedness by vote of the people. Council has $364,000 leeway, and sinking fund $1,682,000. This would give a total limit of $18,261,000, not enough to buy the utility.

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Witt said the fare stipulated in such a franchise would have to be at least five cents.

Server Sidlo said he is for municipal ownership of public utilities first, last and all the time.

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Such materials as taffetas, silk poplins and crepe-de-chines in green, Copenhagen and navy-blue, putty, gray, black and checks.

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Architectural and Engineering Societies Not Represented—Baker Defends Choice.

Appointment of a city plan commission, consisting of departmental directors and five citizen members, was announced by Mayor Baker yesterday. Drastic powers are conferred upon the commission by the charter.

Citizen members are:

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No representation was given the Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects or the Cleveland Engineering Society. The two organizations, however, have offered a number of suggestions to the mayor regarding the work of a local plan commission.

Familiar With Ordinance.

"The men named are familiar with all of the subjects which the ordinance designates as qualifications," said Baker. "The development of the Shaker Heights territory is the finest piece of city planning I know of."

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Immediate purchase by the city of the property of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. was urged yesterday by Mayor Newton D. Baker as a step far exceeding in importance the need of acquiring the $34,000,000 property of the Cleveland Railway Co.

At once speculation arose whether the purchase was to be advocated this fall as an issue in the campaign of administration forces for Peter Witt. It was recalled that authorization of bonds for a municipal light plant was an issue four years ago, when Mayor Baker ran the first time.

The mayor's assertion was strongly seconded in other administration quarters. Chairman P. V. Kalina of the council committee on lighting, an administration councilman, on learning Mr. Baker was ready to consider that step, announced he would have legislation prepared to enable the people to vote on the question in November.

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Submission of other important bond issue projects are assured. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo announced yesterday an ordinance would be introduced in council at the coming meeting authorizing a vote on a special tax levy large enough to care for sinking fund and interest on $2,000,000 sewage disposal plant bonds. This sum is required for completion of the upper river and East End filtration plants.

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Chooses Five Citizens to Act With Directors of Municipal Departments.

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Architectural and Engineering Societies Not Represented—Baker Defends Choice.

Appointment of a city plan commission, consisting of departmental directors and five citizen members, was announced by Mayor Baker yesterday. Drastic powers are conferred upon the commission by the charter.

Citizen members are:

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Morris A. Black, president of the H. Black Company and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee on municipal art and architecture.

O. P. Van Sweringen, Shaker Heights, agent for the Shaker Heights Land Company and director of the Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Company.

H. M. Farnsworth, president of the county park board.

No representation was given the Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects or the Cleveland Engineering Society. The two organizations, however, have offered a number of suggestions to the mayor regarding the work of a local plan commission.

Familiar With Ordinance.

"The men named are familiar with all of the subjects which the ordinance designates as qualifications," said Baker. "The development of the Shaker Heights territory is the finest piece of city planning I know of."

The commission has power to control the design and location of works of art, which are or may become the property of the city; the plan, design and location of public buildings, harbors, bridges, viaducts, street fixtures and other structures and appurtenances; the location, extension and platting of streets, parks and other public places and the preparation of plans for the future physical development and improvement of the city.

No meeting of the commission will be held until the city legal department formulates rules for organization, Baker said. These rules will provide that routine matters be disposed of by departmental directors, according to the mayor. The original city plan ordinance was amended so as to include departmental directors as members, giving them control of the board. Director of Public Service Sidlo will probably be the chairman.

To Group All Statues.

The city council has adopted a resolution urging that the commission consider the grouping of all statues owned by the city in Washington park. Councilman Smith's resolution requesting that the commission make a study of disposing of the present Public Square is also pending before the council.

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'BUY ILLUMINATING PLANT NOW'-BAKER

Mayor Urges Immediate Purchase of Light Property by City.

His Stand Starts Speculation if It's to be Witt Issue.

Immediate purchase by the city of the property of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. was urged yesterday by Mayor Newton D. Baker as a step far exceeding in importance the need of acquiring the $34,000,000 property of the Cleveland Railway Co.

At once speculation arose whether the purchase was to be advocated this fall as an issue in the campaign of administration forces for Peter Witt. It was recalled that authorization of bonds for a municipal light plant was an issue four years ago, when Mayor Baker ran the first time.

The mayor's assertion was strongly seconded in other administration quarters. Chairman P. V. Kalina of the council committee on lighting, an administration councilman, on learning Mr. Baker was ready to consider that step, announced he would have legislation prepared to enable the people to vote on the question in November.

"We should not wait much longer for the appraisal of the state utilities commission," said the councilman. "If we do it will be too late to submit the question at the coming election." Socialists are planning to make the purchase of the Cleveland Railway Co. property an issue at the coming election. Initiative petitions are to be circulated.

Submission of other important bond issue projects are assured. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo announced yesterday an ordinance would be introduced in council at the coming meeting authorizing a vote on a special tax levy large enough to care for sinking fund and interest on $2,000,000 sewage disposal plant bonds. This sum is required for completion of the upper river and East End filtration plants.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell proposed yesterday that the question of issuing bonds for the extension of four important arteries of traffic be submitted to voters. The Carnegie-av S. E. extension would be included in the list.

Issuance of $100,000 bonds for street comfort stations is advocated by Councilman William Tack.

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The citizen members are F. F. Prentiss, Wiliam G. Mather, Morris A. Black, O. P. Van Sweringen and H. M. Farnsworth.

The five citizens selected by the mayor will vote on all questions relating to general city development and the placing or grouping of works of art. The six directors will act without the citizen members on all mechanical or routine city planning matters. City Law Director John N. Stockwell is at work on the regulations that will govern the division of these questions.

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Important city plan matters must soon come before the commission. One is the lake front development and Union station project. The Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal project, involving the relocation or vacation of thirty to forty streets also will be up for consideration.

Councilman Alex Bernstein has proposed these projects and the Barber subway project be referred to the commission before pending ordinances are passed.

Councilman J. E. Smith offered a resolution some time ago asking the commission to consider a new use for Public Square property. It was his suggestion to council that the commission might give this matter attention inasmuch as the square forms no part of the group plan.

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Phil J. Plunkett, president of the Printers' Club, and J. J. Hoban, president of the local printers' union, Monday charged discrimination and declared that if the Printers' Club is closed police also should close the Elks' Club, the Moose Club, the Tavern Club and other big clubs that do their biggest business on Sundays.

At city hall Monday it was said the break between Rowe and Baker is a direct result of the closing Sunday of the Printers' Club. Early last week, when a committee called upon the mayor and complained that the club was being discriminated against, Baker promised there would be no discrimination, it is said, and called Safety Director Benesch to the conference. Benesch called Rowe on the telephone, told him Baker's wish that the printe[rs] given no opportunity to claim [dis]crimination, and sent the delegation away, feeling that the club would not be molested. Monday Baker admitted he had made the promise. Whether he issued any orders to Rowe he refused to say.

Hold Star Chamber Session.

"I have sent for Chief Rowe and will take the matter up with him," was all Baker would say.

Rowe was sent for and waited in the secretary's office while Baker attended a board of control meeting. Then Rowe and Baker were closeted in the mayor's office.

Baker is taking this matter up direct with Rowe in the absence of Director Benesch, who left Monday on his vacation.

At the city hall it is said Rowe openly defied Baker and Benesch and declared that he "would run this business (meaning the closing of clubs) to suit himself."

His closing of the Printers' Club Sunday is pointed to as a defi to [Ba]ker.

A Printers' Club committee expected to meet with Baker Monday. About noon Secretary Young set the time for the conference at 11:30 Tuesday.

Only Two Arrests Made.

While printers were being harassed more than a hundred "blind pigs" scattered throughout the city went unmolested and did a thriving business. In Wade Park ave. six "blind pigs" were in operation within three blocks

On the porch of one house in E. 66th st., two young girls with roses in their hair rocked demurely, while scores of thirsty mortals wove in and out of a rear door.

At Detroit ave. and W. 32d st., a "speakeasy" did a most thriving business while a policeman stood on one corner and two lookouts for the bootlegger stood guard on the other.

Mike Murray, 1309 Scovill ave., a barber, and Irene Szuch, 4125 Lorain ave., were the only ones arre[sted]. They were charged wit[h] liquor without license.

BAKER SCORES TALK OF STRIKE

Mayor Baker, at Monday's board of control session, threatened to discharge some 200 outside electricians in the employ of the municipal light department if they persist in talking strike in conjunction with their demands for a wage increase.

"Up without limit" is the motto of labor unions in regard to wages, was Baker's reflection on unionism.

Arthur O. Lockwood, business agent, and T. L. Hubbard, president, of the 200 cable splicers, foremen and electricians working for the city light department, declared the men were being paid less than similar workers for the Illuminating Company and showed that inside electricians are being paid $5.50 for eight hours and time and a half for Saturday afternoons. Light department electricians now get 50 cents an hour, or $4 a day. An increase of six and a fourth cents an hour was asked.

"We're having a difficult time holding our men in leash," Hubbard declared. "Our men feel they're being underpaid and a strike might result."

"The sooner we know your men are considering striking the better," Baker answered. "In that case we can fill their places with other employees. Unions would take almost every cent the city makes, and part of our job is to see that the more influential unions do not benefit at the expense of the lesser ones. 'Up without limit' seems the wage motto of unions. But I will consider any data you may submit."

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PRINTERS' PROTEST TO PUT LID ON ALL CLUBS, ROWE SAYS

Bitter protests from officials of the Printers' Club against what they describe as police discrimination in enforcement of the liquor law, and a conference yesterday between Mayor Baker and Chief Rowe, probably forecast the firm clamping on of the lid next Sunday in clubs of every description.

The removal of all liquor from the Printers' clubrooms, W. 3d st., Sunday, before members were permitted to enter, brought a visit yesterday to Mayor Baker of Phil J. Plunkett, president of the club, and J. J. Hoban, president of the local printers' union. They declared they desire to comply with the law, but charged discrimination unless Chief Rowe's closing order also affected fraternal orders and other big clubs in Cleveland.

The mayor sent for Rowe and after a long conference both announced their unanimity of opinion in the crusade. Both declared there would be no discrimination, the mayor saying that he had given the chief no instructions as to specific clubs to proceed against. The crusade is entirely in Rowe's hands, he said.

The chief denied the printers' charges and declared he had stopped the Sunday meeting until liquor was removed because the club had broken its promise made ten days previously to do away with its sideboard by June 15. He said he proposed to close all clubs regardless of their character. He refused to name the day of actual enforcement.

A committee from the Printers' Club, comprising Plunkett, Hoban, Secretary F. W. Steffens and Max F. Hayes, will have an audience with the mayor today.

Chief Rowe announced yesterday that Captain Kadel, of the W. 25th st. station, had notified the Cascade Club, 4109 Lorain ave., to close its liquor service. He said the club officials had promised to do so this week.

STRIKE LOOMS AS MENACE TO LIGHT PLANT

Walkout Which Would Tie Up Costly Municipal Project Is Threatened by Electrical Union.

MAYOR BAKER DEFIANT, WOULD FORCE ISSUE

Employees Ask Increase and Object to Being Docked in Bad Weather.

A strike of electricians, linemen, cable splicers and foremen, completly tying up operations of the $2,700,000 municipal lighting plant, may result if the city refuses demands for increased wages and better working conditions.

T. L. Hubbard, president of local No. 39 of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, sounded this warning at a meeting of the city board of control yesterday, after Director of Public Utilities Stage had declared that this was no time to take up the workingmen's proposal.

Not Seeking Strike.

"We have a hard time holding our men in leash," said Hubard. "We don't want a strike, but if we have to fight we will fight with all the means at our command. We can go to the public and show that our members are not getting just wages. They are not getting the wages paid other crafts."

Mayor Baker assumed a rather defiant attitude. "If the union plans to call a strike at the municipal plant the sooner we find it out the better," said he. "Let it be understood right now that wages are fixed by the board of control and not by a labor union. We are willing to consider any reasonable demand."

"The question is one for the public to judge," replied Hubbard. "It is not for you, Mr. Mayor, or for me."

Coughlin Peacemaker.

Director of Finance Coughlin poured oil on the troubled waters by suggesting that the union defer its demands until the lighting plant has been in operation for a year.

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CITY PAVES WAY FOR BARBER TUBE

Council Adjusts Differences After Proposed Grant is Amended.

Ordinance to be Submitted for Passage Next Meeting.

Construction of a $15,000,000 subway and terminal, giving Akron, Canton and other cities new and direct access to Cleveland's water front by a cut across the entire city beneath the level of E. 55th-st, was practically assured by city council last night.

The Barber ordinance was placed on second reading after the acceptance of important amendments which completely ironed out differences between the representatives of the company and the majority members of council. These differences were straightened out at an open meeting in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker late yesterday, attended by O. C. Barber and other representatives of the company.

The ordinance will be placed on third reading for final passage at the coming meeting of council. Opposition may come from the minority members of council at the coming meeting, and Councilman H. C. Gahn declared that a referendum election was a possibility.

One of the disputes between the city and company that was straightened out yesterday related to the term of the subway lease. The company had insisted on a ninety-nine-year lease, and the city had urged a seventy-five year period. A compromise figure of eighty-five years was agreed to yesterday.

Under the new amendment, the franchise will expire March 1 of the year 2,000. The city at that time will come into possession of the subway and all other structures located within the street lines or on public property.

Another amendment related to the price at which the city can take over the made land on the lake front from E. 53d-st easterly. It was agreed that a valuation should be fixed seventeen years after the passage of the ordinance, and that this price, plus half the increment up to the time of actual purchase, should be the price paid by the city.

Last night's council meeting was also marked by the introduction of a switch track ordinance, which paves the way for the establishment of a $2,500,000 chain of concrete warehouses on the west side of W. 9th-st, and extending to W. 10th-st.

By unanimous vote, council passed a new "suspicious person" ordinance that will enable the police to conduct a vigorous crusade against suspicious characters.

The ordinance will take effect without delay under the emergency clause of the city charter.

The other expected ordinance that did not appear was the Foster ordinance authorizing a special election on the issue of $400,000 bonds for fire department purposes.

Mayor Baker last evening vetoed a resolution naming the intersection of Denison-av S. W. and W. 25th-st "Denison square." In the opinion an official designation of this character would conflict with the street naming system of the city.

Council last night adopted a resolution naming the intersection of Lorain-av and W. 25th-st "United Market square."

The Kalina resolution asking for an estimate of the cost of establishing three municipal pasteurization plants was adopted.

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SEEK STRIKE TO BLAME FOR LOSS ON CITY LIGHT?

Labor union officials Tuesday charged Mayor Baker and city officials with inviting a strike of linemen, electricians, cable splicers and foremen employed at the municipal lighting plant in order to throw responsibility for the failure of the enterprise onto their shoulders.

The annual report of the $2,700,000 municipal plant will show it to be a miserable failure, union officials say, but with Baker able to point to a strike as being chiefly responsible for the money loss, the public might be induced to overlook Baker's responsibility.

Baker and members of the board of control Monday refused the demands of union officials to grant them increased pay and better working conditions. The men asked for the same wages paid Illuminating company employees.

"Indications are that Baker would welcome a strike of the municipal lighting plant employees at this time," a labor leader said. "Then when the report is published showing how big a failure the plant has been he could charge the union with the responsibility for its failure, giving the strike as the cause."

T. L. Hubbard, president of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Tuesday planned to press the demands he made at the board of control meeting Monday. Hubbard told Baker the men did not want a strike but that unless the city granted the demands made the plant would be tied up.

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SOCIAL ADVANCE AGENTS, BAKER'S VIEW OF POLICE

Mayor, as Magazine Contributor, Declares Public Must Change Its Opinion of Officers' Status.

NO LONGER MERE ORDER KEEPERS, SAYS ARTICLE

Tells of End of Segregated District and New Probation System Here.

The converse of the theory that custom makes law is worked out by Mayor Baker in an article on "Law, Police and Social Problems," appearing in the July number of the Atlantic Monthly. The article shows that laws are similarly unmade by custom.

Mayor Baker also discusses the police force of the future, predicting that "their chief use will some day be the stimulation of social self-control." The article suggests the police cadet system just initiated in Cleveland as a means of beginning to build the police force of the future.

Social Advance Agents.

After reciting the difficulties which beset the police of any city in enforcing new or novel regulations Baker suggests:

"We must stop regarding policemen as mere keepers of order, and we must enlarge our view of their duties far beyond the arrest of criminals and the terrorization of the neighborhood small boy. They must be selected with reference as much to their ability to catch and spread the spirit of social advance as to their personal courage and cleverness in following the twists of the criminal mind."

Touching on the training of the future police force through a probationary period the article asserts:

"Officers so selected and so trained would have a less military, a less professional and arbitrary attitude, and the enforcement of pioneer regulations would be simpler and less misunderstood from them."

As one example of how custom and public opinion make or unmake laws, Baker describes the steps by which Cleveland's segregated district was abolished.

Cites Popular Attitude.

"This progress is full of interest and suggestion," he says, "for it is unquestionable that the abolition of the segregated district would have been as impossible in 1901 as it was easy in 1915, and equally clear that the reason in both cases was the attitude of the popular mind to the question."

Baker said he was requested to contribute the article by the editor of the magazine a year ago, when the latter was in Cleveland investigating social problems.

WITT'S PETITIONS ARE 7,000 SHORT

Poor Showing of Mayoralty Candidate a Big Disappointment to Ward Bosses.

Democratic organization leaders are said to be disappointed at the showing made by Peter Witt, Democratic mayoralty candidate, in the number of signatures obtained by ward leaders to his petitions.

The names fall fully 7,000 short of the number, E. B. Haserodt, vice chairman of the executive committee, predicted Witt would obtain. The count of names at organization headquarters yesterday, three weeks after the petitions were called in, showed 12,321 signatures. Organization workers were circulating petitions for more than two months.

Thomas Brannon, secretary to the committee, said that no further efforts to have returned the petitions still out would be made. It is believed by many politicians that the indifference met with by circulators caused the slow return of the petitions.

Three hundred of the 1,000 petitions put out by Peter J. Henry, Democratic candidate for re-election as municipal court clerk, have been returned fully signed up, according to J. Martin Thumm, chief deputy clerk. Henry's first petitions were circulated three weeks ago.

Unless the Democrats protest, Minnie, Cleveland's lone elephant, may be a guest of honor at the Republican state rally to be held at Euclid Beach August 14, under the auspices of the League of Republican Clubs. Chairman Maloney, of the league's campaign committee, stated yesterday that efforts would probably be made to have Minnie at the outing.

MAYOR PLANS PUBLIC ORCHESTRA NEXT YEAR

Municipal orchestra concerts at taxpayers' expense are planned by Mayor Baker again next year.

He announced yesterday that he would include an item of $12,000 for the orchestra in his estimate to go to the council in November. "It will be for the council to determine then whether the orchestra is to be continued," said Baker. He said that concerts the later part of this year would be financed by private subscriptions.

Councilmen Smith and FitzGerald will oppose appropriations for the orchestra.

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OVER 12,000 SIGN WITT'S PETITIONS

Democratic Workers Get Returns on All but 3 of 26 Wards in City.

Republicans Think Both Davis and Norton Will Run for Mayor.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Democratic organization workers have obtained more than 12,000 signatures on petitions for Peter Witt for mayor.

Tom Brannon at Democratic headquarters in the Engineers building yesterday had received Witt petitions from the ward leaders and precinct captains of twenty-three of the twenty-six wards, and the total number of names was 12,321. The city charter requires a candidate for mayor file 2,500 names.

The petitions will be filed probably July 1 at board of election headquarters.

Mr. Brannon recently sent out a letter to ward leaders, informing them the organization would close its books, so far as further circulation of petitions was concerned, on Tuesday of this week. Yesterday petitions had been received from all but one downtown ward, one East End ward and one West Side ward.

Ward leaders were instructed, when the petitions were started in circulation, to make a thorough canvass of sentiment in the wards. The delegation will be called into meeting to report some time next week.

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As part of a membership campaign for the Civic league, J. D. Cox, jr., of the Cleveland Twist Drill Co., is sending letters to personal friends inviting them to join the league. Mr. Cox urges in his letters that because Mayor Newton D. Baker has announced he will not run again, it more than ever behooves Cleveland citizens to turn their attention to affairs political and civic.

While this was pointed to yesterday as a pat on the back for the mayor, it is understood Mr. Cox simply intended to emphasize the complete change in the municipal situation.

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The Western Reserve club is to meet again tonight, but it is understood club officials will make no further especial effort to swing Republican sentiment toward clearing the mayoralty field for one candidate.

The club held three meetings, concluding two weeks ago, at which plans were proposed for getting either Harry L. Davis or Miner G. Norton, or both, to step aside. A proposal of club officers to institute an unofficial Republican primary came to naught when Mr. Norton announced he would not abide by the result.

Republicans generally are coming to a strong conviction the situation will go to the polls as it is, with both candidates running, although there is still the under surface talk of W. H. Boyd as a compromise possibility.

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John H. Brown, state representative, has about made up his mind to run for mayor of Lakewood.

BAKER TELLS SUBURB IT SHOULD BE ANNEXED

Speaks Before Meeting of East Cleveland Charter Commissioners.

An audience consisting of Juvenile Judge George S. Addams, two men, a 6-year-old boy and a widely known suffragist in checkered, mannish tailored suit turned out last night to hear Mayor Newton D. Baker address the members of the East Cleveland charter commission on the federal plan of government.

Straining at his briar, Mayor Baker told the commissioners many of their troubles would be solved if they would recommend annexation of the suburb to Cleveland. Judge Addams applauded. The mayor took issue with Prof. A. R. Hatton, Cleveland charter commissioner, who advocated city managership for East Cleveland before the commission Tuesday night. Mr. Baker said it would be almost impossible to obtain a city manager for East Cleveland. He declared the federal plan the best and branded the commission plan as "the worst I know."

Judge Addams provoked a friendly argument with M. P. Mooney who addressed the commission urging the federal plan, and with the commissioners. Urging the city manager ship plan, Judge Addams declared the people of East Cleveland take little active interest in their own municipal government and said they know more about Cleveland's.

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CLUB TO FORM NEUTRAL G. O. P. ORGANIZATION

estern Reserve Members to nite and Withhold Support From Any Mayoralty Candidate for Time Being.

CTIONALISM MUST GO, PRESIDENT SARSTEDT SAYS

Republican Bodies in City Will Be Asked to Cooperate in Move.

The formation of a "neutral" publican organization, which will thhold its support for the time at st from any of the present mayalty candidates and work only for furtherance of Republican prinples, will be attempted by the estern Reserve Club at a meeting y 8.

Such action was decided on at a eting at the club last night, when informal discussion was held on present mayoralty situation. It s also decided to discontinue for present any efforts to have either ner G. Norton or Harry L. Davis thdraw as a candidate.

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DISPUTE ON 4TH PROGRAM ENDS; RECEPTION O. K.

Mayor Is Declared to Have Cleared Up Differences as to Citizenship Meeting.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS MAIN CAUSE OF HITCH

Telephone Campaign to Obtain Money for Celebration Is Planned.

Differences of opinion between city officials and members of the Independence Day Association as to the importance of the citizenship meeting as a part of the city's Fourth of July program are declared to have been cleared up yesterday by Mayor Baker.

The mayor is reported to have been appealed to by interested persons who informed him they understood park and recreation officials deemed the park program of greater importance than the proposed reception to newly made citizens.

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The few persons who seem to want to force my withdrawal from the race have not shown a desire to co-operate in any fair method of ascertaining the will of those opposed to the present administration and because no steps are being taken to bring about this test of strength, I do not feel that anything can be gained by further delay.

I feel that I owe it to the people who so loyally supported me in the past and who urged upon me my present can-

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COUNCILMEN SAY SUBWAY GRANT IS INCOMPLETE

Call Proposed E. 55 St. Franchise Ordinance of Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Faulty.

MEASURE UP FOR PASSAGE AT TONIGHT'S SESSION

Administration Officials Are Expected to Oppose the Minority Members.

Faulty, incomplete and open to various objections were terms used by minority councilmen yesterday in describing the proposed E. 55th st. subway franchise ordinance of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway. The measure is up for passage at tonight's council meeting. One of the prime movers in the project is O. C. Barber, Barberton.

A long list of amendments will be submitted by minority members. These include a provision that the company file a $100,000 bond to guarantee a start of work, regulation of transportation rates by the city, and a shortening of the life of the franchise to fifty years.

Administration councilmen are expected to defend the measure and party lines will be tightly drawn at the meeting. Minority councilmen yesterday issued a statement in which they outlined their position on the proposed subway grant. Chief objections are due to the speculative nature of the ordinance, they said.

Not Opposed to Legislation.

"Minority members of the council are not opposed to proper legislation providing for the development and extension of lakefront transportation facilities," the statement reads.

"They insist, however, that the granting a franchise as important and comprehensive as is the proposed subway every safeguard of the public interest shall be incorporated in the ordinance. As now drawn the ordinance is faulty, incomplete and open to various objections. In justice to the city it should be amended before passage."

Councilman Bernstein, who has been active in his opposition to the subway grant at committee hearings, will submit the amendment providing that the filing of the surety bond to guarantee a start of work within two years and the completion of the subway within a seven-year period.

Gahn for Transportation Rates.

Councilman Gahn will insist on a provision allowing the city to revise transportation rates. He will also offer an amendment requiring the subway company to dedicate a 150 feet strip along the lake front as a public street.

An amendment stipulating that land made by filling into the lake at E. 55th st. shall be used only for purposes fundamentally connected with navigation will be offered by Councilman FitzGerald.

Councilman Woods will offer an amendment providing that any docks on land on the lake front made by the company shall be accessible to all shippers on equal terms.

Councilman [illegible] will seek to limit the amount of land to be made by filling.

Councilman Dittrick will insist that the life of the franchise be shortened to fifty years. As now drawn the franchise does not expire until the year 2000. Other minor amendments will be offered.

As drawn the ordinance allows the company to make extensive fills at E. 55th st. for docks and switch-tracks. A four-track subway extending along E. 55th st. to Broadway and thence to E. 71st st. and the upper Cuyahoga river valley is proposed.

Members plan to adjourn early in order to catch a boat for Buffalo for the annual outing. The pending franchise ordinance of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad is also slated for passage before the council adjourns for a five weeks' vacation, July 12.

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COUNCIL MINORITY LINED UP TO FIGHT BARBER FRANCHISE

Straightaway Partisan Battle is Expected Tonight as Seven Amendments Are Filed.

$100,000 Bond Requirement and Fifty-Year Clause to be Urged on Majority.

CONTROVERSY MAY END IN BIG ELECTION ISSUE

In Case of Defeat Foes of Grant May Spring Referendum.

Minority members of council are lined up solidly against passage of the Barber subway grant in its present form.

The ordinance as written has been practically approved by majority councilmen. A straight-away partisan clash between the minority and the administration in tonight's council meeting seems inevitable.

In the ordinary course of legislative procedure, the ordinance, giving the city's authority to Ohio C. Barber's mammoth enterprise for constructing a subway under E. 55th-st from the lake to the southerly limits of Cleveland, would be on the calendar tonight for final approval or rejection.

The minority yesterday announced seven amendments to be introduced this evening.

Propose $100,000 Bond.

That the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. be required to furnish a $100,000-bond to guarantee construction of the subway and fulfilment of the terms of the franchise will be one amendment. A proposal that the life of the grant be made fifty years instead of seventy-five will be another.

Submission of the amendments will create a new situation. If any proposal is accepted, the amended ordinance will be returned to second reading. If all are rejected, an effort may be made to pass the legislation over objections of the minority.

If the grant is passed despite the minority, in the uniting of the minority is the possibility of referendum agitation, with the franchise pushed to the front as a campaign issue in the coming municipal election.

The amendments offered are the result of a conference of minority councilmen held Friday afternoon. With the announcement of the proposed changes yesterday was issued a statement in the names of the minority members, urging against passage of the ordinance as it stands.

The chief objection voiced is to the speculative nature of the franchise, it having been admitted by Mr. Barber and his associates that the matter of financing the proposition will be subsequent to granting of the franchise."

Not Opposed to Development.

"The minority members of council are not opposed to proper legislation providing for the development and extension of transportation and lake front facilities in Cleveland," said the statement given out yesterday.

"They insist, however, that in granting a franchise as important and comprehensive as the Barber subway grant, every reasonable safeguard of public interests should be incorporated in the ordinance.

"As now written, the ordinance is faulty, incomplete and open to grave objections. In justice to the city, it should be amended as suggested by the minority members of the council."

These are the amndments to be offered:

By Councilman Alex Bernstein —Provision that the company furnish a $100,000 surety bond to carry forward the project as required by the ordinance.

By Councilman Harry C. Gahn —One amendment to provide city regulation of all transportation, storage and other rates to be charged by the company. Also by Mr. Gahn, a provision that a 150-foot strip of land extending east and west near the lake front through the terminal property at the foot of E. 55th-st, be dedicated to the city as a public highway. This is intended, according to the minority, to give the city absolute control of surface and underground rights of that strip. The ordinance at present provides that the city shall have the use of such a strip.

By Councilman A. R. Dittrick —To make the life of the grant fifty years instead of seventy-five. Minority members say fifty years is long enough, that fifty years is the life of the Hopkins subway ordinance, and that it is not the practice of cities now to grant franchises for longer periods.

By Councilman W. S. FitzGerald—To provide that any land acquired at the lake front under terms of the ordinance shall be used only for purposes fundamentally connected with navigation. Mr. FitzGerald says this is in line with a suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce that all lake front development be conformed to a definite and single policy. The amendments, he points out, would prevent construction of shops or other similar activities by the subway company.

By Councilman W. B. Woods—To provide that any land acquired by the company by filling in at the lake front shall be available to all shippers and railroads on free and equal terms. This is to prevent possible monopolistic control of acquired land, minority members assert.

By Councilman Clayton C. Townes—To restrict the amount of land that the company may create by fill, east and west of the foot of E. 55th-st. It is the opinion of the minority that the east and west length of such land should not exceed a total of one mile.

Discussion and possible action on the subway grant will be the headline act in tonight's session. Councilman David Moylan will have a resolution asking that a special committee of five be appointed to study and compile data on the question of the electrification of railroads entering the city.

Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo will have introduced an ordinance requiring the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to furnish heat for the new city hall at a rate within the means of the city.

An ordinance is to be introduced to transfer land at the foot of E. 53d-st belonging to the waterworks, and on which the municipal light plant stands, from the waterworks department to the lighting department, the lighting department to pay $112,000 for the land, plus 4 1-2 per cent. interest, in thirty years. That would mean payment of $3,733.33, plus interest, per year.

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REFERENDUM ON BARBER GRANT IS THREATENED

Councilman Fitzgerald Warns Democrats Not to Railroad Subway Ordinance.

TOO IMPORTANT FOR HASTE, HE DECLARES

Democrats Line Up Solidly Behind Mayor for Passage Monday Night.

Councilman Fitzgerald, minority leader, served notice on Mayor Baker and Democratic councilmen Monday that if council railroads the Barber grant for a freight subway under E. 55th st. through council Monday night, he will circulate petitions immediately for a referendum.

The five other minority councilmen —Bernstein, Dittrick, Woods, Townes and Gahn—will back Fitzgerald. Prospects of the franchise, which the six claim is "too speculative," becoming a live issue in this fall's mayoralty and councilmanic fight were considered good at city hall Monday as a result of Fitzgerald's ultimatum.

"Hold Up Grant."—Fitzgerald.

"Two excellent reasons for holding up the grant are apparent," Fitzgerald declares. "First, we have no definite assurance whether the $50,000,000 tubes will be constructed; the backers are too indefinite on this point and make the whole matter seem one of speculation. Second, because council adjourns in two weeks is no reason why the measure must be jammed through. To give to individuals the only through route from the lake to the upper river valley is an exceedingly important matter, and one worthy of more deliberate consideration."

To delay a final vote on the grant, Republicans will offer six amendments, that would force backers to put up $100,000 bond to insure a start, restrict the fills proposed for the foot of E. 55th st., make the life of the grant fifty years instead of seventy-five, and impose three other minor restrictions.

Baker Urges Passage.

Mayor Baker planned Monday to urge the grant's passage. Democratic councilmen are lined up solidly with Baker. In the main, O. C. Barber, millionaire matchmaker, plans to build docks at the foot of 55th st., tunnel a four-track subway under 55th to the river valley, and eventually extend the line to Akron and Canton. The tunnel's cost is estimated at $50,000,000. Huge warehouses on E. 55th st. will provide business for the tube, it is hoped.

Ten per cent of the city's voting strength—now estimated at 110,000—will be needed for a referendum. In case one is called the vote probably will be held at the November election.

"Once voters understand the nature of the grant they'll oppose it without a break in the ranks," Fitzgerald declared. "To procure 11,000 buers within forty days should not look at all."

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DENIED INCREASE CITY LIGHT WORK STILL NEAR TIEUP

Threats of a tieup of the $3,000,000 municipal lighting system again were current at city hall Monday when Mayor Baker and Utilities Director Stage refused to grant inside electricians a fifty-cent increase to their five dollars wage.

Last week Baker, Stage and other board of control members refused cable foremen and splicers a wage increase. Machinists also have demanded a raise from Lighting Commissioner Ballard. Reports are that unions refused increases plan joint action if city officials persist in their refusal.

J. W. Hart, head of the electrical workers union, demanded that the board of control grant the increase on the one ground on which Baker last week stated he would consider; that contractors had agreed to the scale, and city was paying lass. But Baker maintained the city's operating deficit of $1,500,000 was the stumbling block. "Practically every contractor in Cleveland has agreed to the new rate," Hart declared.

Stage, as last week, pleaded with union representatives that the present scale be continued until the end of the year until it can be seen whether the lighting plant really is paying.

MAYOR DISAPPROVES STAGE'S LIGHT PLAN

Mayor Baker disapproves of the action of Lighting Commissioner Ballard and Utilities Director Stage in connecting the Collinwood city light plant with the E. 53d st. main station in order to make the former a substation, it developed Monday.

When Stage obtained board of control's consent to selling the boilers of the Collinwood plant for $400—junk prices—Baker learned from Stage that the cost of the cable as auxiliary equipment was $120,000.

"Pretty high—the interest on the $120,000," was Baker's rejoinder.

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SUBWAY GRANT MAY BE DELAYED BY REFERENDUM

Minority Council Members Plan Hot Battle to Carry Proposed Amendments.

DRAFT UP MONDAY NIGHT

Opponents Want Length of Term Reduced, and Other Changes Made.

Opponents of the Barber subway grant in its present form already are planning a referendum if the measure is passed by council without amendments.

The ordinance will be up for passage Monday night. Councilman Reynolds said the majority would pass it unless the proposed amendments, drafted by the minority, have merit.

"I am not familiar with the amendments yet, therefore I can't say what action the majority will take," said Reynolds.

Councilman FitzGerald, minority leader, said referendum petitions probably would be circulated immediately if the measure passes.

The Barber ordinance provides for a subway under E. 55th-st from the lake to the southerly city limits, and for docks and a big fill in the lake. The subway is to have four tracks. Its cost is to be approximately $15,000,000.

Agree on Amendments.

It is being promoted by a syndicate headed by O. C. Barber, millionaire match manufacturer of Barberton, O.

Minority members have agreed to support the following amendments:

That the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. be required to furnish a $100,000 bond to guarantee construction of the subway within seven years.

That the life of the grant be made 50 years instead of 85 years.

That the city regulate all transportation, storage and other rates charged by the company.

That a 150-foot strip of land thru the terminal property at the foot of E. 55th-st be dedicated to the city as a public highway.

That any land acquired at the lakefront under the terms of the ordinance shall be used only for the purposes fundamentally connected with navigation.

That the company be restricted in the amount of land created by fill east and west of the foot of E. 55th-st. The minority is of the opinion that made land should not exceed a total of a mile.

Would Delay Action.

Should council pass favorably on the amendments, the ordinance will be thrown back on its second reading, and unless there are further delays would come for its final reading and passage at next Monday's council meeting.

Council president Thompson has expressed himself as displeased with the ordinance because it makes no provision for a recreation pier. Representatives of the syndicate at a meeting in Mayor Baker's office last Monday declined positively to consider Thompson's suggestion.

"If the ordinance is passed Monday night it would not be effective for 40 days," said FitzGerald. "This would give the minority members plenty of time to obtain the 11,000 signatures needed for a referendum petition."

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WESTENHAVER HITS AT BAKER'S PLAN TO KILL SCHOOL BOARD

Mayor Baker's public school government theories were attacked as "against public sentiment" by School Board President Westenhaver, one of Baker's stanchest political supporters, in an impromptu debate before the school survey citizens' advisory committee yesterday.

The controversy followed a speech by Secretary Burns, of the Cleveland Foundation survey committee, who declared that public sentiment was leaning towards an appointive instead of an elective school board.

Mayor Baker, when called upon by Chairman F. F. Prentiss, reiterated his belief that Cleveland's school board should be abolished and its power given into the hands of the mayor, who would appoint school officials. He also intimated that such a move would be made at the next session of the legislature by declaring that "the state constitution is subject to amendment."

Talks at Luncheon.

Baker was speaker at the committee's luncheon in the Hollenden hotel.

That any attempt on the mayor's part to abolish the school board will meet with strong opposition from its members was indicated by statements from the latter last night. Westenhaver served notice that as a citizen he "would express his views freely on the subject." E. M. Williams, a colleague, affirmed his belief that the board should not be abolished and Dr. G. C. Ashmun, another colleague, said he was unalterably opposed to a change in the present system.

"The mayor can recommend abolition of the elective school board until the crack of doom and he will never get anyone to listen to him," said Westenhaver. "The people are wedded to the present system because it is the best there is. It is the most successful working type of commission or managership form of government."

Would Hamper Education.

"By changing it you would not advance the cause of education, but retard it. A change in the legal machinery will not help the schools. As an illustration of the evils of the plan suggested by the mayor I point to Chicago and New York, where the schools are made a political issue."

Warren S. Hayden, former president of the Chamber of Commerce, was named by the survey committee yesterday as head of a citizens' committee, yet to be appointed, to investigate the school system and confer with the survey committee relative to suggestions for proposed changes.

PUNISH 'PENNSY' IS MAYOR'S PLAN

Will Rescind Switch Grants Because of Attitude Toward Depot.

The Pennsylvania railroad is to be punished by the city for its refusal to co-operate with the New York Central in giving Cleveland a new lakefront Union depot.

The first step in this direction was taken last night by Mayor Baker when legislation was introduced in the city council ordering the tearing up of two Pennsylvania switch tracks.

"Relations between the city and the Pennsylvania railroad are not on a proper basis," was all the explanation Mayor Baker would offer. He announced that the action last night was only the first step against the Pennsylvania and said that other ordinances of a similar nature are to follow.

Mayor Noncommittal.

The mayor could not be induced to admit that the railroad's refusal to join in the Union depot plans was the direct cause of the adverse legislaiton, but neither would he deny that this was the situation.

Councilman McGinty, however, furnished the declaration that the rescinding of the railroad's right to operate switches on city streets was calculated to bring the Pennsylvania officials to time in the depot matter.

Two ordinances, one ordering the removal of Pennsylvania switch tracks on E. 33d st., for which they have held the right since 1850, and the other ordering the tearing up of tracks on Woodland ave., were introduced by Baker. These tracks supply important industrial concerns with switching facilities.

The railroad company is given ninety days in which to remove the E. 33d st. tracks and thirty days to restore Woodland ave. to its original condition.

Balks at Depot Plan.

The New York Central has been willing to go ahead with the depot negotiations for some time, according to councilmen, but Pennsylvania officials have opposed action. Relations between the city and the railroad became further strained when the United States supreme court held that the city was the owner of the W. 9th st. tract of land covered by switch tracks and docks of the railroad.

A proposal to trade the W. 9th st. land and thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land for $1,400,000 and a like acreage east of E. 9th st. was recently made to the railroads by Baker. Officials have not replied to this proposition. Baker's action is taken to mean that the offer will be rejected by the Pennsylvania.

"I am searching through the records for other grants," the mayor said last night.

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COUNCIL TO WAR ON PENNSYLVANIA

Gets Ordinances Revoking Switch Track Rights of Railroad System.

Amendments to Barber Subway Grant Withdrawn After Row.

War was declared on the Pennsylvania railroad by city administration forces at last night's council meeting with the introduction of two ordinances revoking switch track rights of the company across Woodland-av S. E. and E. 33d-st. The two ordinances were introduced by Mayor Baker and more, it is said, are to follow.

"The mayor has explained to members of the council that he does not approve the attitude of the Pennsylvania regarding the new union depot project," said Councilman J. J. McGinty, following a meeting of majority council members in the office of the mayor late yesterday.

"The New York Central has shown a disposition to proceed with the project but the Pennsylvania has held back. We are going to revoke switch track rights in every case where the switch is merely used by the Pennsylvania. We do not want to injure manufacturers dependent on their service but we are going to get after the company. In these two cases the switch tracks are used by the company itself and there are a number of similar switches around town."

"The relations between the city and Pennsylvania railroad are not on a satisfactory basis," said the mayor. "I want to get them on a better basis. That is all I have to say at this time."

The E. 33d-st ordinance directs the service department to remove switch tracks across that thoroughfare, which were laid under authority of an ordinance passed twenty-five years ago. It is claimed in the ordinance that the rights expired in May 1915.

The Woodland-av grant is revokable, it is claimed, in the ordinance of the mayor.

Minority members of council were armed with seven amendments to the pending Barber subway grant at the meeting but after a heated debate these were withdrawn when the authors learned the council committee had decided it would not return the ordinance to council for third reading.

The majority members declined to permit the amendments to be referred to the committee and the minority members declined to permit their amendments to go to the committee as communications.

"Why are they coming in at the last minute with this rush of amendments?" exclaimed Councilman J. J. McGinty. "For ten weeks this ordinance has been before committees. Where were these boys with their amendments then? Why are they seeking to tear down? Why don't they build up?"

"I heard the distinguished member from the ninth say that he intended to introduce one or two of these very amendments," said Councilman Alex Bernstein. "He has failed to do so."

"I do not object to having these amendments referred," said Chairman J. W. Reynolds of the council committee on lake front development. "I wish to announce that the committee will meet Thursday morning at 8 o'clock."

The amendment introduced by Councilman W. B. Woods, Harry C. Gahn, W. S. Fitzgerald, Alex Bernstein, Clayton C. Townes and A. R. Dittrick, among other things, shorten the term of the grant, require the filing of a bond to assure starting of works and transfer a right of way to the city along the water front.

Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal questions also came before council. A resolution was offered by

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Councilman J. E. Votava authorizing a traffic survey in the lower Broadway section to determine whether it is necessary to maintain north and south streets through the section that is to be used for freight yard purposes.

Councilman David Moylan offered a resolution calling for a study of the problem of electrification of railroads. A committee of five members will study the question if the resolution is adopted. The measure was referred to committee.

Councilman McGinty introduced an ordinance authorizing the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to extend its heating mains to the new city hall building. The company has served notice it cannot furnish heat at the price named in the general ordinance.

Councilman Votava introduced an ordinance requiring concerns that use explosives for blasting to file a bond for the protection of persons whose property may be damaged.

Mayor Baker's veto of the resolution naming the intersection of Denison-av S. W. and W. 25th-st as "Denison Square" was sustained, 17 to 8.

Over the protest of Councilman McGinty the council passed emergency ordinances amending the building code. "The code is constantly being changed," said Councilman McGinty. "Builders cannot keep track of the changes."

Residents of W. 52nd-st between Storer and Denison-avs S. W. requested last evening that heavy trucks of the American Brick Co. be barred from that street. Dwellers in other residence sections are making similar complaints and the department of public service has asked the police to keep in touch with this phase of traffic regulation.

Councilman J. E. Smith offered a resolution asking the board of education to throw open all school yards to children for summer playground purposes.

An amendment to the ordinance permitting the Big Four to extend a switch track in W. 10th-st for the W. 9th-st Terminal Warehouse Co. was introduced. The company agrees to give the city an amount of cash equal to the cost of a proposed viaduct in Main-av N. W.

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MAYOR BEGINS FIGHT TO FORCE DEAL FOR DEPOT

May Revoke Pennsy Grants to Switching Rights at Forty Points.

ALREADY RECALLS TWO

Railroad Fails to Answer Proposals Submitted by Baker.

Revocation of rights to every switch track crossing public streets is included in extensive plans by Mayor Baker to force the Pennsylvania railroad to agree to the mayor's proposal for speeding up the building of a new union station.

The mayor has served notice on the railroad that he is determined the company must pass favorably on proposals submitted June 8 to heads of the Pennsylvania and New York Central lines.

He fired the opening gun Monday night, when he introduced into council two ordinances revoking Pennsylvania switch right grants in Woodland-av and in E. 33d-st.

Unless the railroad takes the "hint," administration leaders said Tuesday, legislation will be introduced revoking between 40 and 50 more switch track grants.

The mayor will so conduct his campaign, however, that shippers will not be affected, Law Director Stockwell said.

Officials Back Mayor.

Mayor Baker has said he intends to make the permanent settlement of the union station question the crowning work of his administration, and is prepared to exert all his energy to accomplish that end.

Local officials of the Pennsylvania railroad Tuesday said no word had been received from the Pittsburg headquarters regarding company action on the mayor's proposal. The proposal still was in the hands of Vice President Turner, it was said.

Baker will be aided by Law Director Stockwell and Server Sidle in his campaign against the Pennsylvania. Stockwell Tuesday said:

"The attitude of the railroads toward the city in the last three months has been most arrogant. They will concede nothing, and are doing their utmost to prevent us enforcing our demands for respect of city rights."

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MOYLAN BOLTS ON SUBWAY VOTE

Promises to Back Amendment Offered By Minority.

Councilman Moylan, member of the council majority, Tuesday came out flat-footed for the seven amendments to the Barber subway ordinance which the council minority, headed by Councilman Fitzgerald, failed to have incorporated in the ordinance at Monday night's council meeting.

"The ordinance as it now stands does not properly safeguard the people," said Moylan.

President Thompson delivered a new punch to the minority Monday night.

Here are the details:

Minority leader Fitzgerald announced Monday that the minority members had seven amendments to offer. Unless they were included in the ordinance when it came up (as was expected) for third reading and passage Monday night, he threatened that referendum petitions would be circulated to annul the grant.

Majority members later in the day agreed not to report the ordinance out of the special committee as previously agreed on.

Later in council FitzGerald stated he and the other five minority members had seven amendments to offer.

"The ordinance is not before the council," protested President Thompson. "It's still in the hands of the committee. However, they will be accepted as a communication to the council."

"I'll withdraw them if that's the case," objected FitzGerald. "It's bad practice, and——"

"Referred to the committee as a communication," ruled Thompson.

"There isn't a new thought in these amendments," broke in Councilman Reynolds, chairman of the committee.

President Thompson banged his gavel lustily. "Council adjourned to Tuesday, July 6, at 6:45 p. m.," he shouted. And it did.

Then councilmen, other city and county officials hurried to the E. Ninth-st pier to catch the boat for Buffalo.

The most important amendments provided that the company put up a $100,000 bond to insure completion of the subway, and that the life of the grant be reduced from 85 years to 50.

Other amendments provided that the city should control rates charged by the subway company and that the city hold the right to buy the subway at the end of a given period.

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BAKER-BARBER SUBWAY SLATE SHOWS CRACKS

Mayor Baker's slate, wiped clean for jamming through council next Tuesday night the O. C. Barber grant for a $10,000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st. from the lake to the upper river valley, cracked badly Tuesday when Councilman David Moylan, staunch Democrat, declared in favor of each of the seven amendments proposed by the six minority councilmen.

City hall heard Tuesday that half a dozen more Democratic councilmen, long on the fence, will follow Moylan's lead. If six Democrats join Moylan, stanch Democrat, declared bers Baker's efforts to give Barber the franchise, worth millions, will prove futile. The grant was scheduled for passage Monday night, but when it became known Republicans planned a filibuster it was retained in committee.

"Councilman Fitzgerald's amendment that backers be forced to put up a $100,000 bond to insure a start on work is one that thinking councilmen cannot help but vote for," Moylan declared Tuesday.

'I am against the city giving up everything and getting nothing in return. It's time this practice was stopped. I am in favor of each of the seven amendments."

Councilman Fitzgerald put Councilman McGinty, who is leading the fight for the grant, on the pan Tuesday, McGinty, at the council meeting Monday night, assailed Fitzgerald and Republicans for coming in at the last minute with the amendments.

McGinty himself first proposed that Barber be forced to put up bond to insure an early start on work and for good faith," Fitzgerald declared. "He claimed he wanted assurance work on the tunnel and the lake front fill at E. 55th st. would be begun at the same time. Now he is against this idea and backs the grant without a clause of similar effect."

Baker has informed councilmen that the grant should be passed, and will take the floor if Republican opposition gets too vigorous next Tuesday. Baker was the first to be taken into Barber's confidence when the funnel scheme first was thought of several years ago.

MAYOR BEGINS WAR ON PENNSY

Mayor Baker's request to council Monday night that the Pennsylvania railroad be forced to take out switch tracks at Woodland ave. and E. 33d st. is only the forerunner of a campaign by Baker to punish the road for balking on plans for a lake front union station, city hall heard Tuesday.

Baker, at Buffalo Tuesday, had locked up within him the reason for his action.

Thomas G. Fitzsimmons, 2352 E. 40th st., civic leader, saw in Baker's action fulfillment of a phophecy he made six weeks ago when he said he believed the roads are not acting in good faith with the city and urged that switch tracks be ordered removed as the penalty. Other crossings of the Pennsylvania, grants for which have expired or never been issued, will be ordered out, it is said. Similar action may be taken against the New York Central.

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OFFERS STATE JOBS TO DAVIS AND FOE

Willis Wants Ex-City Treasurer and Norton to Quit Mayoralty Race.

Desires Harmony in Party, Would See Sure G. O. P. Victory.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Gov. Frank B. Willis would give a state appointment to either Harry L. Davis or Miner G. Norton if either would withdraw as a candidate for mayor to help Republicans clear the mayoralty field in Cleveland.

This was stated authoritatively here yesterday.

It has been understood throughout the Willis administration that the governor wanted to play the game with Cuyahoga county Republicans in a manner tending to cement the party here. For that reason, when appointments were under consideration, he has relied on close personal friends in Cleveland to post him as to which candidates would suit, not one faction or leadership, but all.

The governor also has expressed a wish to see Cleveland elect a Republican in the coming municipal election. And now comes reliable word that he would find a place for a candidate withdrawing in the interests of Republican harmony.

The governor will make no such offer openly. For that matter, there is no general belief that a state job would induce either Mr. Davis or Mr. Norton to retire. It is fairly certain either could have had a state appointment ere this, when better jobs were available.

But in light of this reported attitude on the governor's part, it is believed recent assertions that Mr. Davis could have the place of fire marshal if he wanted it, and then later that Mr. Norton was being considered, were put in circulation from administration sources with a hope one or the other would be willing to accept.

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Cornelius Maloney at last night's meeting of the League of Republican Clubs in the Engineers building reported the result of a conference of league officials with Tax Commissioner James B. Ruhl regarding appointments in the tax office. Republicans have wanted to investigate the possibility of landing places for Republicans.

Mr. Maloney said Mr. Ruhl told him a Democratic civil service board still had charge of the civil service department of Ohio, and that appointments in the tax office had been made from lists furnished by that board.

Mr. Maloney continued that at Mr. Ruhl's request he would urge Republican clubs to have their secretaries write the board for lists and instructions, to post themselves as to times for taking examinations, and then that as many Republicans as possible take the tests.

The league last evening seated as delegates from the Scotch-American Republican club seven Progressives who are returning to the Republican party. The delegates are George Lowe, Hugh F. Taylor, R. R. Hawkins, H. Lindale Smith, Guy O. Farquharson, John Winchester and John R. Dick. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hawkins were present, and spoke. Mr. Taylor said he and his associates felt "they could do more good by coming back to the old party, by coming back home where they belonged."

Mr. Hawkins voiced similar sentiments, declaring Progressives were returning to rehabilitate the old party and to inaugurate Republicanism along progressive lines.

John Hay club officials announced further plans for the dinner to be given July 7 for ex-Senator Theodore E. Burton. It was stated Senator W. E. Borah of Idaho could not come as a speaker because of his health, but that efforts were being made to have Senator William S. Kenyon of Iowa attend.

Senator Warren G. Harding has been invited. He cannot attend July 7, but could come July 8. The dinner date may be changed if it is found another day would suit other guests better.

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Names of J. J. Fitzgerald, former member of the board of elections, and Stephen A. McNeil, assistant city treasurer, came strongly to the front yesterday in discussions of a successor to serve the remainder of W. B. Gongwer's term as clerk of the elections board.

Extensive party backing for Mr. Fitzgerald has developed since he was first mentioned as a possibility, and it is understood Republican members of the board of elections would view his selection favorably. The Democratic county executive committee is to meet before the end of the week to consider the situation.

WILL BACK BAKER IN RAILROAD FIGHT

Minority Leader in Council Sides With Mayor in Battle for Union Depot.

Amendments to Barber Franchise Favored by Some Democrats.

"Railroads have been playing horse with the city in this new Union depot question."

With this expression of opinion Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, minority leader, announced yesterday he would stand with the administration forces in their fight against the Pennsylvania railroad. This fight was begun by Mayor Newton D. Baker Monday night with the introduction of ordinances revoking switch track rights of the Pennsylvania in two thoroughfares.

"The railroads have displayed an attitude that should be resented," said Councilman FitzGerald. "When the city wants anything from a railroad it has to wait a long time before getting what it wants. When a railroad wants something of the city immediate action is demanded. That has been the attitude of the people back of the railroad grants now pending. The Pennsylvania does not care about a new union depot. It is well satisfied with present conditions."

It was intimated yesterday by city officials the fight against the Pennsylvania railroad would eventually be carried to a point where many switch track rights would be affected. The two ordinances now pending affect the crossings at E. 33d-st and Woodland-av S. E.

Seven amendments to the pending Barber subway grant may receive the approval of several administration members of council. Councilman David Moylan declared yesterday he favored the amendments. The council committee on the lake front development will meet tomorrow morning to consider the ordinance. The measure will be up for third reading Monday night.

The Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal ordinance will be up for consideration Friday afternoon in the city council chamber.

CITY'S CHARTER O. K.'D; SPLIT ON TROLLEY RULING

Supreme Court Judges Not Agreed on Right to Ignore Consent Statute.

EUCLID AVENUE CAR QUESTION NOT SETTLED

High Tribunal Turns Down Hile in Attack on Sinking Fund Trustees.

Home rule provisions of Cleveland's charter were strengthened by one supreme court decision yesterday. In another case judges disagreed upon an interpretation of the home rule amendment and adjourned without coming to a decision.

The high tribunal overruled George D. Hile, a taxpayer, in his suit to compel Mayor Baker to appoint four sinking fund trustees in accordance with state laws. The judges seriously disagreed on the right of the city to order an extension of car lines along Euclid ave., between E. 22d and E. 40th sts., without obtaining written consents of property owners.

Unless Chief Justice Nichols recalls his six colleagues from their summer vacation for a special session the supreme court will not pass upon the Euclid ave. case before the court convenes for the fall term in October.

May Reconvene Court.

Before leaving Columbus last night Justice Nichols said that he might reconvene the court to settle the suit late in July. Building of the Euclid ave. extension will be held up until the injunction obtained by property owners is dissolved.

The seven supreme court justices are reported as holding widely divergent views as to whether the adoption of the home rule amendment freed municipalities from the consent law provisions. It agreed that charter provisions for sinking fund trustees superseded state laws.

Hile contended that not only did the charter provision violate the state laws, but that it should also be held invalid because the sinking fund trustees, consisting of the mayors, director of finance and president of council, were tax spending officials. The case was brought directly in the supreme court.

In the Euclid ave. case Judge R. M. Wanamaker is said to be strongly of the opinion that the amendment nullifies the statute, particularly for cities like Cleveland, which have adopted charters. Judge Maurice A. Donahue is said to be as strongly of are still in such doubt as to be unwilling to vote without further investigation.

Decisions Announced.

Decisions in a number of important cases were announced yesterday before the court adjourned.

The continued existence of the E. 79th st. crosstown line was insured by the dismissal of the suit of William J. Ward, a resident of Whitethorn ave., who sought to have the Cleveland Railway Company vacate the section of the line on the private right-of-way between Superior ave. and Lexington ave. Ward claimed lots in that section were restricted for residence purposes only.

In a much similar case, the court held that Anna C. Doan was not entitled to damages against the Cleveland Short Line Railway for running its tracks through the restricted Frisbie allotment, in the vicinity of Eddy rd. and Hayden ave.

The court granted an injunction to Lucien B. Hall and sixty other residents of Clifton park who brought suit to restrain the Clifton Land Company from opening up a half dozen streets in an adjoining allotment and presenting them to the city of Lakewood. The injunction will continue through the rest of the terms of fifty-year leases obtained several years ago by the land company.

"I had no doubt as to the outcome of the sinking fund suit," said Mayor Baker, when told of the court decision in the Hile case. "It strengthens home rule."

Baker is also of the opinion that the decision helps the city's contentions in the Euclid ave. consent case

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SPECULATE ON BARBER FARM GIFT TO RESERVE

City Hall Officials Wonder if There's Connection With Plea for Subway Grant.

Persistent reports that O. C. Barber, millionaire matchmaker, intends giving his 2,200-acre estate at Barberton to Western Reserve university for an agricultural school have given city hall a rare morsel for speculation.

In the face of Barber's continued refusal either to deny or affirm the rumor, officials wondered whether Mayor Baker's, Welfare Director Cooley's and President Thwing's plan for a farming school on the city's 2,100 acres at Warrensville will go by the board as a result. Further, whether the long-dreamed-of municipal university will be set back if Reserve does set up a school on the Barber estate.

An added complication was the fact that Barber is now seeking from council a franchise for a $10,000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st. from the lake to the upper river valley, and for huge terminals and piers at the foot of 55th st. Baker, ardent backer of the city university idea, was the first to be taken into the matchmaker's confidence, and now is supporting him.

"No matter if Reserve does locate an agricultural school at Barberton, Warrensville still will be available," Cooley declared. "Once Reserve has been enlarged, Cleveanders wi see all the more the advantages of a municipal university."

Baker maintained Tuesday there is no connection between reports that Reserve is to get the estate—as the forerunner of a Cleveland university—and legislation now in council giving Barber and his backers invaluable rights in 55th st. The Cleveland Foundation has been asked to make a survey preparatory to a campaign for a city university, he said, but no definite plan has yet been set forth, nor will cognizance be taken of Barber's reported offer until it is put forth definitely.

"It's quite possible there may be a connection between the subway and the rumored Reserve farming school," Council President Thompson admitted. "Council either will approve or deny the grant on its own merits, however."

Service Director Sidlo Tuesday couldn't see any connection. He maintained that the city and not Reserve will give the franchise rights and that the bonds between the city and Reserve are too slender to cause any commotion.

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LIGHT PURCHASE JUST A PLANK

—Fitzgerald.

Councilman Fitzgerald, minority leader, charged Tuesday that any attempt to make municipal ownership of the Illuminating company a campaign issue this fall will be an effort to befuddle the voter with the same tactics which won Baker his last two years of office.

This was the chief developments at city hall Tuesday, following Utilities Director Stage's advocacy of city purchase of the Illuminating company.

"If Witt and Democratic soap box orators stump for city ownership of the Illuminating company, it will be only for providing Witt something soft on which to slide into office," Fitzgerald declared. "Mayor Baker got in two years ago on the strength of a city-owned plant. There was no demand for it, but it cost taxpayers more than $2,000,000.

"Taking over the city plant's competitor will be a $15,000,000 proposition instead of a $2,000,000 one. There's no cry for city ownership of the Illuminating company; it will be a platform plank solely."

Councilman Smith, declaring in favor of semipublic control over the Illuminating company similar to the Tayler grant, may submit his plan when Witt's board of strategy convenes. A bond issue of $15,000,000 might have tough sledding, he claimed, while control similar to that exercised over the Cleveland Railway Company would gain the same result as municipal ownership.

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C. E. I. PURCHASE BY CITY MAY BE PLANK OF WITT

Supporters of Mayoralty Candidate Favor Making Muny Light Campaign Issue.

BAKER FAVORS BUYING

Finance Department's Figures Show City is Well Able to Float Deal.

The purchase by the city of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., will be one of the planks in the platform of Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, if Witt follows the advice of influential followers.

The tractioner is on a fishing trip up the lakes.

Witt's boosters at city hall were unanimous Tuesday in urging the purchase. Indications were that it surely would be a campaign issue.

"If Witt wants a campaign issue, he can't find a better one," said Utilities Director Stage.

"It is one of the biggest public utility questions the city has to face," said Mayor Baker. "The time has arrived when any extension of the muny light field means a duplication of conduits. Then when the Illuminating Co. is purchased, the city will have to pay the added expense of much conduit duplication."

No Legal Blockades.

Server Sidlo and Law Director Stockwell also are behind the move to have the city take over the C. E. I. Stockwell says there is no legal difficulty to block the way.

Director Stage points to a preliminary report, issued by the muny light department Tuesday, to show that muny light is a success and that it could be even more successful with the C. E. I. in the city's hands.

"The report shows," Stage said, "that the gross receipts for the sale of muny current in June was more than $40,000. Figuring on this basis the income from the increased winter consumption would make the December receipts more than $60,000.

"The city has plainly demonstrated that muny light at 3 cents is a successful and paying proposition. If the city can buy the C. E. I. and turn it over to the making of 3-cent light, it will mean more money for the city."

The city now has $16,214,646 leeway in issuing bonds, according to the finance department. Stage estimates the cost of the C. E. I. would be $15,000,000.

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BAKER SCORES WIN OVER MINORITY IN FIGHT ON SUBWAY

Leads Battle Against Seven Amendments to Tube Ordinance and All Are Defeated.

Persuades Council to Reconsider Vote Compelling Company to Give Bonds.

NICKEL PLATE AGREES TO ELIMINATE GRADES

Mayor Will Demand Definite Stand by Railroads on Depot.

A battle over the adoption of amendments to the Barber subway grant, an announcement from Mayor Newton D. Baker that he has notified the railroads of a new union depot meeting in his office Friday morning and the adoption of new Cleveland & Youngstown franchise amendments brought to a head at last night's council meeting big railroad affairs that have been hanging fire for months.

In addition it was announced yesterday by Mayor Baker that the Nickel Plate railroad has agreed to eliminate its West Side grade crossings. An early start will be made by the railroad by using city funds.

Seven amendments to the Barber grant introduced by minority members were defeated after Mayor Baker led a fight for reconsideration of the vote by which one of the amendments was passed early in the meeting. This was the Bernstein amendment requiring the company to file a $100,000 bond as a guarantee that it would start work within the specified time.

A bitter debate ensued as the mayor urged the council to reconsider its vote. The mayor was accused by Councilman Alex Bernstein and Harry C. Gahn of interfering with councilmanic affairs. The amendment was originally adopted, fourteen yeas to twelve nays. After reconsideration it was defeated, sixteen nays to ten yeas. Councilman E. A. Meyers, Adam Damm, J. E. Votava and David Moylan voted with the six minority members. Councilman David Moylan voted with the minority in favor of all amendments.

Gahn and Mayor Clash.

Mayor Baker and Councilman Gahn clashed in the debate on the question of reconsideration. The mayor declared he had been told by a representative of the company that the grant would not be accepted if the $100,000 bond provision were allowed to stand and added that in his opinion the company was right in its stand on this question.

"It seems to me that the mayor ought to let this council alone," said Councilman Gahn. "He seemed to be reading until it appeared to him that things were going wrong. After all the mayor's experience in fighting the street railroads, after all the turmoil for the people's rights, he comes up here and if we didn't know he had made those fights we'd think he was much on the other side. Does the mayor believe there is not a railroad behind this project?"

Mr. Baker declared it would not be fair of the council to put the burden of rejecting the ordinance up to Mr. Barber, and pointed out that under the city charter the mayor has a voice in the affairs of the council. He denied that he was interfering in council affairs, and claimed further that he was merely attempting by argument to direct council's action.

Slaps Attempt to Muss Things.

"I don't believe the council should listen to those members who do not attend committee meetings and at the last meeting attempt to muss up things," he said.

Another amendment defeated last evening sought to decrease the term of the grant from seventy-five years to 50 years.

Amendments to the Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance agreed to last night throw this measure back to second reading. Both this and the Barber subway grant are ready for final action at the coming meeting of council, which is the last prior to the councilmanic vacation.

One amendment agreed to by council and by the company as well gives the city the right to order a subway or bridge placed across the yard at E. 23d-st. If the company does not agree the matter is to be submitted to a board of arbitrators.

Mayor Baker appeared before the committee yesterday when this matter was under consideration and argued against requiring the company to construct either the bridge or the subway at this time. He favored the amendment as drawn. When it was suggested by Councilman Bernstein that any other way of handling the matter might throw the settlement of the question into the courts the mayor declared the courts should settle it.

It is believed the mayor will demand a definite statement from the railroads at the Union depot meeting in his office Friday morning. Representatives of the New York Central and Pennsylvania will attend and the mayor will have before him the pending ordinances revoking switch track grants of the Pennsylvania.

"I have called this meeting," said the mayor yesterday. "I will have before me on my desk two unsigned switch track ordinances while the meeting is in session."

The city has submitted its land trade to the railroads and it is up to the railroads to give a definite reply.

Administration heads are inclined to blame the Pennsylvania for the delay and the switch track revocation ordinances are favored by both majority and minority members of council.

Councilman W. S. FitzGerald at last night's meeting asked the mayor whether it would be advisable to hold up the ordinance granting the Big Four the right to extend its tracks in W. 10th-st but the mayor advised against this action. This ordinance was finally passed. It permits the company to extend service to the building to be erected by the W. 9th-st Terminal Warehouse Co.

That the administration is not planning to demand electrification of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad was indicated by the tone of a report filed with the city clerk yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. The director expressed the belief that it would not be fair to insist that the Cleveland & Youngstown electrify at this time.

An issue of $178,377 additional notes is authorized by an ordinance introduced in council last night to care for operating deficits in the welfare and safety departments. The safety department must have $50,000 of this sum in order to meet pay rolls, according to Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch.

Councilman J. J. McGinty introduced an ordinance directing the Illuminating company to supply heating service at the new city hall.

Council adopted emergency resolutions authorizing the Cleveland Railway Co. to spend $21,000 apiece for two automatic sprinklers, one for the Harvard-av S. E. operating station, the other for the Denison-av S. W. station. Other resolutions provided for expenditures for two hammers for the stations, each to cost $300.

Skyscraper Height Limit Raised Despite Protest

In the face of vigorous opposition from Building Commissioner V. D. Allen, city council last night by a vote of 25 to 1 passed an ordinance increasing the maximum height allowed skyscrapers on Euclid-ad in the downtown district from 200 feet to 215 feet.

The change was made in order to permit the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. to build its Vincent-av N. E. addition to the New England building the same height as the Euclid-av side of the structure, which is 213 feet tall.

The ordinance as amended will apply to buildings on Euclid-av, in the block extending from Public square to E. 9th-st. Mayor Baker declared he was opposed to the original amendment to the building code, as it merely would have allowed the Guardian company to carry its structure to that height, but that he favored the amendment as redrafted.

In a communication to the council committee on building code Building Commissioner Allen voiced strong opposition to the erection of skyscrapers, and termed them "architectural monstrosities" that defeat city planning.

He argued further that the amendment—as originally drawn—would have granted the owners of a few buildings a monopoly in that they could build the entire block bounded by Euclid-av, E. 6th-st and E. 9th-st, from fifteen to twenty-five feet higher than anyone else could build in the same territory. All members of council except Councilman Harry C. Gahn voted for the amending ordinance at last night's council meeting.

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MAYOR CRACKS WHIP, PREVENTS SUBWAY CHANGE

Forces Four Councilmen to Face About, Kill Bond Clause.

PLEADS FOR COMPANY

Baker Says $100,000 Surety Would Block Project; Terminal Act Read.

Mayor Baker cracked the party whip on the council floor last night and four Democratic councilmen did a right-about-face and repudiated their own vote of a few minutes before on the Barber subway measure.

By their change of front the E. 55th st. ordinance was saved from amendment that required the measure's sponsors to furnish a $100,000 bond.

Baker's action came as the sequel to an outburst by him when he discovered the amendment providing for a bond that work on the proposed subway would be started within two years, had been passed with the supporting votes of his own henchmen joined to those of the Republicans. The amendment was voted upon and passed while Baker sat in the council chamber perusing a magazine, oblivious to the temporary defeat administered his plans.

Steps Into Breach.

He stepped into the breach and took charge of directing the passage of the ordinance after eight Democratic councilmen had lined up with minority members in demanding the bond. Councilmen Stolte, Tack, Sledz and Wagner were the members who experienced a change of heart after the mayor's pleas on behalf of the terminal company.

"Injudicious, unwise and sufficient to defeat the entire project," were terms used by him in describing the amendment. He declared that minority councilmen were trying to "tease" subway promoters with amendments of minor importance.

Seven amendments were offered by the minority councilmen. Five of these had been voted down when the bond proposal was introduced by Councilman Bernstein. It carried by a vote of fourteen to twelve. Clerk Collins then took up the reading of Councilman Dittrick's amendment to cut the life of the franchise to fifty years.

Attorney W. M. White, representing the subway company, protested to Baker that the company would not accept the ordinance in its amended form. It was then the mayor got into action and not only defeated the Dittrick amendment but forced a reversal on the bond condition by a vote of sixteen to ten.

Not Sure of Finances.

"Mr. Barber frankly tells us that he does not know how the project is to be financed," the mayor said. "I would not have the courage to ask him to bet a cent that he will carry out the subway project. The ordinance represents the best that can be worked out."

Baker was scored by Councilman

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Bernstein for interfering in legislative matters. Councilmen Gahn and FitzGerald also attacked the action of the mayor. Gahn charged that he had ignored pending legislation until the administration machine had slipped a cog and the franchise ordinance faced amendment.

Gahn declared that it "ill became the mayor to appear as an advocate of railroads." FitzGerald said that if O. C. Barber, millionaire match manufacturer, was actuated by philanthropic motives, as Baker would have council believe, he had better "build another high level bridge or make needed street extensions."

"The very fact that Mr. Barber is not inclined to accept this ordinance with a provision for a bond is all the more reason why the council should demand it," said FitzGerald.

The Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal ordinance was placed on its second reading after a series of committee meetings during the day. Amendments proposed by the Broadway Improvement Association for a subway under terminals at E. 23d st. were rejected. Director of Public Service Sidlo reported that it would be impractical to require electrification of the terminal. Minority councilmen will have an amendment requiring this to be done.

May Increase Deficits.

Operating deficits will be increased by $178,377 if requests for increased appropriations from the departments of public welfare and public safety are heeded by the council. Director Benesch wants an additional $38,000 for the fire department and $18,000 extra for police. Welfare officials want the rest. Benesch was given authority last night to spend $50,000 for the purchase of new fire apparatus and to rebuild the firetug Clevelander.

Legislation by Councilmen FitzGerald and Koch directing the street railway committee to consider plans for changing systems of collecting fare were adopted. Councilman Dittrick revived his old ordinance requiring cars leaving Public Square to be operated as "pay leaves" and cars going to the Square as "pay enters."

The council ordered Director of Public Service Sidlo to appeal to the state public utilities commission to force the Illuminating company to furnish steam heat for the new city hall.

The building code was amended so as to permit erection of buildings 215 feet high in the down-town district. The present maximum is 200 feet. Councilman McGinty's ordinance, intended to care solely for an annex to the New England building, was defeated. The other change will allow this work to go ahead.

SUBWAY AND C-Y GRANTS READY TO BE PASSED

Seven Amendments to Barber Franchise Voted Down by Council.

BAKER SUPPORTS SUBWAY

C. & Y. Ordinance Has Three New Amendments—Electrification Passed Up.

Ordinances granting franchises for the Barber E. 55th-st freight subway and the C. & Y. freight terminal were ready Wednesday for passage by council next Monday night.

This will be council's last meeting before its summer vacation adjournment is taken. Tuesday night seven amendments to the Barber grant, offered by the minority, were rejected.

A plea by Mayor Baker, who referred to the Barber project as philanthropic, caused reconsideration and defeat of Councilman Bernstein's amendment for a $100,000 good faith bond from the company, after it had carried on the first vote.

Five of the amendments were defeated by a vote of 19 to 7, Councilman Moylan of the majority alone voting with the minority six for acceptance.

On Councilman Woods' amendment that all made lands on the lakefront be available to all shippers and railroads on "free and equal" terms Councilmen Moylan and Stolte voted with the minority.

Mayor Asks Passage.

Pleading with council to reconsider its vote for the Bernstein bond amendment, Baker said:

"Council has defeated the ordinance by accepting that amendment. O. C. Barber has assured me that he will drop this great project if he is forced to give such a bond.

"I do not blame the company for refusing to accept such a bond amendment. Do not forget the city is getting this great improvement for very little."

Minority Leader Fitzgerald interrupted to inquire: "If Mr. Barber wants to do a philanthropy for Cleveland why doesn't he extend Carnegie-av or help with the high level bridge?"

Four Reconsider Votes.

"If a man offers me an apple," said Baker, "I gratefully accept it. I don't ask him why he didn't give me an orange."

The majority councilmen who voted with the minority six and first carried Bernstein's amendment are: Damm, Meyers, Moylan, Sledz, Tack, Stolte, Wagner and Votava.

After Baker's speech Sledz, Tack, Stolte and Wagner changed their votes on reconsideration and defeated the amendment.

Other amendments defeated embodied proposals: to restrict the amount of lake front terminal the company may acquire to one mile; to shorten the life of the franchise from 85 to 50 years; to restrict use of all lake front property to purposes fundamentally connected with navigation; to compel fee simple to a 150-foot strip for the city's shore line thru the company property instead of only use of the strip; to provide further city regulation of transportation and other rates.

Acceptance of Councilman McGinty's amendment taking care of grade crossings across the city's 150-foot strip put the bill on second reading.

Pass C. & Y. Amendments.

The C. & Y. asks vacation of streets and alleys between E. Ninth-st, E. 34th-st, Orange-av and Broadway.

Council Tuesday night accepted the committee's final three amendments, making the ordinance ready for final action.

The first amendment provides that Pittsburg-av, now 60 feet wide, be widened to 80 feet whenever the city demands it.

Another amendment provides that, if a subway or bridge across the terminal at E. 23d-st becomes necessary, the city may order the company to build it.

The last amendment covers the repaving of Orange-av at the expense of the company, the city and property owners.

Server Sidlo submitted an adverse report on electrification proposed for the road.

Councilman Fitzgerald scored the judiciary committee for failure to report out Councilman Moylan's resolution asking for a committee to study the feasibility of forcing all railroads in the city to electrify.

BAKER WHIPS TUBE THROUGH

O. C. Barber, millionaire Barberton matchmaker; J. J. Breitinger and other backers of the proposed $10,000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st., from the lake to the river valley, were definitely assured of their invaluable grant Wednesday. Mayor Baker, Barber's personal friend, quashed all opposition in council Tuesday night, cracked his whip so sharply four Democratic councilmen turned complete somersaults in getting back into the fold, and made the franchise ready for final approval next Monday.

Had it not been for Baker backers would be forced to put up $100,000 bond to insure a start on work within two years.

Councilmen Sledz, Tack, Wagner and Stolte were the four Democrats who hurdled at Baker's demand. Moylan, Damm, Meyers and Votava stuck by the six Republicans for the bond.

Baker was the first man Barber took into his confidence regarding the 55th st. subway and the lake front fill at the foot of 55th st. While Barber urged that Baker take it up as a city project, the mayor demurred, and urged Barber himself to work out details. In council Tuesday night Baker defended Barber on each of the seven amendments and denounced minority councilmen for trying to hamper him.

MAYOR READY TO USE CLUB IN DEPOT FIGHT

Determined to accomplish something definite in the way of a new union station before he leaves office, Mayor Baker declared Wednesday he will have two resolutions forcing the Pennsylvania to tear up switch tracks at E. 33d st. and at Woodland ave. when he meets with New York Central and Pennsylvania officials Friday morning.

While Baker refused to divulge his plans Wednesday he admitted it will be up to the railroads to talk business on the new station proposition or lose many of their invaluable crossings.

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NORTON FILES PETITIONS WITH 11,000 SIGNERS

Mayoralty Candidate Gives Big Surprise to Opponents by Showing Such a Strong Backing at Start.

WILL PUSH CAMPAIGN ALL DURING SUMMER

Republican Aspirant to Conduct Own Fight for Nomination by Party.

The strength of the mayoralty candidacy of Miner G. Norton as shown by the number of signatures he filed with the board of elections yesterday surprised his opponents.

Norton's petitions contained approximately 11,000 names, 1,000 more than were turned over to the board by Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, several weeks ago.

Supporters of Norton last night pointed to his action of yesterday as proof positive that he would remain in the mayoralty race regardless of any efforts to have him withdraw.

Norton reiterated his declaration that he was in the mayoralty race to stay.

He stated that he would continue his organization work all through the summer. He will not appoint any general committee to manage his campaign but intends to run it himself, he said.

Davis supporters expressed surprise last night at Norton's showing in the number of signatures to his petitions. Pierre A. White, a staunch Davis follower, declared that it was the general belief among Davis followers that Norton would not be able to file 5,000 names.

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The Democratic state organization, under the wavering control of former Governor Cox, has plans well under way to perpetuate the Warnes tax law by rendering the new Parrett-Whittemore measure ineffective either through a referendum or the courts, according to information obtained from various sources yesterday.

C. C. Meekison, of Napoleon, who was involved in the Warnes law referendum petition scandal two years ago, when an attempt was made to burglarize the offices of the Ohio Equity Association, is said to be active in promoting the latest attempt of the Cox machine to defeat legislation decentralizing the governor's power.

Meekison has been in the city during the last few days, and, appearing at the county tax commissioners' office recently, demanded a list of the 115 deputy tax assessors, whose work was completed several weeks ago. The list, which is public, was given him by Chief Clerk Hatch. According to reports Meekison is gathering data for use in case a referendum is decided upon by the Coxites.

That the courts may be resorted to if the referendum proposition is not supported was intimated by former County Tax Commissioner Agnew yesterday. Agnew declared the law was "full of holes" and expressed the belief that if it was tested it would be found unconstitutional. He stated emphatically, however, that he would not join in any effort to test the law.

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Organization work of the Republicans in the nineteenth ward will begin immediately, plans for it having been laid at a meeting of the Nineteenth Ward Republican Club in Alta House, Mayfield rd., last night.

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The strength of the mayoralty candidacy of Miner G. Norton as shown by the number of signatures he filed with the board of elections yesterday surprised his opponents.

Norton's petitions contained approximately 11,000 names, 1,000 more than were turned over to the board by Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, several weeks ago.

Supporters of Norton last night pointed to his action of yesterday as proof positive that he would remain in the mayoralty race regardless of any efforts to have him withdraw.

Norton reiterated his declaration that he was in the mayoralty race to stay.

He stated that he would continue his organization work all through the summer. He will not appoint any general committee to manage his campaign but intends to run it himself, he said.

Davis supporters expressed surprise last night at Norton's showing in the number of signatures to his petitions. Pierre A. White, a staunch Davis follower, declared that it was the general belief among Davis followers that Norton would not be able to file 5,000 names.

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The Democratic state organization, under the wavering control of former Governor Cox, has plans well under way to perpetuate the Warnes tax law by rendering the new Parrett-Whittemore measure ineffective either through a referendum or the courts, according to information obtained from various sources yesterday.

C. C. Meekison, of Napoleon, who was involved in the Warnes law referendum petition scandal two years ago, when an attempt was made to burglarize the offices of the Ohio Equity Association, is said to be active in promoting the latest attempt of the Cox machine to defeat legislation decentralizing the governor's power.

Meekison has been in the city during the last few days, and, appearing at the county tax commissioners' office recently, demanded a list of the 115 deputy tax assessors, whose work was completed several weeks ago. The list, which is public, was given him by Chief Clerk Hatch. According to reports Meekison is gathering data for use in case a referendum is decided upon by the Coxites.

That the courts may be resorted to if the referendum proposition is not supported was intimated by former County Tax Commissioner Agnew yesterday. Agnew declared the law was "full of holes" and expressed the belief that if it was tested it would be found unconstitutional. He stated emphatically, however, that he would not join in any effort to test the law.

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Mr. White will be toastmaster. Attorney John J. Sullivan, Senator W. S. Kenyon of Iowa and Mr. Burton are the speakers.

Word was received last night by President Monroe Curtis of the club from George B. Harris, attending the Ohio State Bar association meeting at Cedar Point, that Attorney General E. C. Turner would be here for the dinner.

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Friday July 9.

ROADS OPEN WAY TO CLOSE DEAL FOR NEW DEPOT

Officials Agree to Part of Mayor's Proposal---Citizens' Committee to Arbitrate All Disputes That Arise.

The Pennsylvania, New York Central and Big Four roads Friday made their formal reply to Mayor Baker's final proposal for a lake front that will bring Cleveland a new union depot.

Here in brief is what the railroads' reply means:

The railroads agree to pay the city $1,400,000 for the 35-acre Lakeview tract just west of the new Ninth-st pier, where the depot will be built.

They propose that the city's Bath-st property be exchanged foot for foot for land the railroads will fill in on the lake front between E. Ninth-st and E. 26th-st.

Baker had proposed that the Bath-st property of 50 acres be traded to the railroad for about 100 acres of the railroad's "made" land.

President A. H. Smith of the New York Central read the statement. First Vice President J. J. Turner of the Pennsylvania and other New York Central and Pennsylvania officials were present.

It was agreed by road officials and the mayor that disputed questions in the closing of the depot deal shall be submitted for arbitration to a commission of five citizens.

In the event the roads and the city cannot agree on the five commission members, the city is to appoint two, the roads two, and the federal judge one.

To Start Plan at Once.

Baker asked Smith how soon the railroads were ready to start working on the details of a contract which could be submitted to the people for ratification at the general election in November. Smith replied, "Tomorrow, if necessary."

"How long would it take to build the station?" Baker asked.

"Two or three years," replied Robert Trimble, the Pennsylvania's chief engineer.

Smith said the Pennsylvania had not tried to delay the railroads' answer. City officials had believed the Pennsylvania had been holding up the reply.

In regard to the "foot-by-foot" trade, Baker asked whether the railroads would not consider, instead, a "value-for-value" trade. Smith said that this was one of the details that would have to be worked out in drawing the proposed agreement. Smith said the railroads' land east of E. Ninth-st was worth every cent as much, "foot-for-foot," as the Bath-st tract.

Baker made his final proposal on the assumption that it would take 100 acres of East-side lake front land to repay the city for the Bath-st tract in view of the other consideration of the trade, which gave the railroads the depot site at what the city regarded at a very low price.

Considers Tract Valuable.

Baker pointed out that the Bath-st tract was especially valuable to the railroads, because of excellent switching and shipping facilities located there. The city recently won title to this tract in court.

Baker made it plain at the meeting that if a contract is drawn up it will be submitted to the people, whether or not the law requires it. That point is in dispute.

City officials said this was by far the most the railroad had done toward meeting the city half way in any of the union depot negotiations to date.

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ROADS AGREE TO BAKER'S DEMAND ON UNION DEPOT

Consent to Trade of Lake Front Land, but Method Is to Be Arranged.

ASSERT FOOT OF MALL IS CERTAIN TO BE SITE

Mayor Wants Barter on Dollar Basis, Railways Hold for Footage Basis.

Railroad and city officials Friday progressed a bit further towards a new union depot on the lake front when railroad officials admitted they were committed to a union depot there and practically agreed on a method of exchange of land between the city and railroads which is a condition precedent to actual construction work.

At a meeting in Mayor Baker's office, Baker put the question squarely up to A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, whether the roads were committed to a lake front union depot. Smith replied they were. In answer to Baker's questions as to how soon the depot could be built and how long it would take, Smith said this would depend on the rapidity with which the lake front land situation could be ironed out.

Baker and Smith agreed to sign a broad contract, the details of which are to be worked out later, providing for the trade of the land at the foot of E. 3d st. for the land between E. 9th and E. 26th sts., so that the transfer may be ratified by the people at the November election.

Smith declared it would require two or three years to build the depot but that the proposed trade of the land on old Bath st., which the city wants to exchange for land the railroads will make between E. 12th and E. 26th sts., will have to be arranged first.

Baker then proposed that the railroads and city determine the city's interest in the Bath st. tract and the exchange be perfected on a dollars and cents value. If they cannot agree, Baker suggested the valuation be determined by an arbitration committee of five, which also should fix the valuation in dollars and cents of the railroad land between E. 12th and E. 26th sts.

Smith held out for an exchange of land on a foot-for-foot basis, but admitted the details could be straightened out all right.

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'PENNSY' AGREES TO DEPOT PLANS; CITY TO AID LINE

State Loses Ally in Suit to Oust Railroad From Filled Land.

CONTRACT WILL BE MADE

Municipality to Exchange Tracts and Help Company Obtain Riparian Rights.

The city will not aid the state in a legal fight to oust the Pennsylvania railroad from filled land west of the Cuyahoga river in return for the railroad's agreement to go ahead with other roads in a plan for a new union passenger station at Cleveland.

The hands-off policy of the city was formulated yesterday at a conference in the mayor's office when a tentative agreement was worked out, whereby the Pennsylvania is to join with the New York Central in the depot project.

A board of arbitrators is provided in the agreement to settle any disputes which may arise between the parties to the plan. The suit which the city agrees to remain passive in is now pending in the supreme court.

Terms of Agreement.

Terms of the tentative agreement which the mayor says makes the outlook for a new depot brighter than ever, are:

1—Railroads are to build union station at head of Mall, in accordance with plans providing adequate facilities and conforming to the requirements of the location.

2—Land in Lakeview park is to be conveyed to the railroads as a depot site for $1,400,000; said sum to be spent by the city in improving the proposed E. 3d st. Mall and Esplanade.

3—City and the railroads to work out an exchange of the city rights in the W. 9th st. tract east and west of the river for land to be filled by railroads east of E. 9th st.

4—City to co-operate with railroads in obtaining establishment of harbor line and acquiring riparian rights from federal government and private parties east of E. 9th st.

5—The Whiskey Island controversy between the city and the railroad growing out of so-called streets on Whiskey Island to be settled in accordance with agreements made heretofore.

6—Disputes, differences and inability to reach an agreement in carrying out the proposed undertaking to be settled by a board of five arbitrators. Arbitrators to be appointed by the federal judge in case of disagreement between the city and railroad over their selection.

State to Proceed With Suit.

"I don't think that any union depot negotiations will get anywhere until the question of riparian rights is decided," said Attorney R. M. Morgan last night. While connected with the attorney general's office he brought ouster proceedings against the Pennsylvania and has been appointed to conduct the case in supreme court.

"The state will go right ahead with the suit in spite of the city's action," said Morgan. "Until the question is determined the railroads will be unable to make necessary fills for track-layouts east of E. 9th st."

The ouster case has been decided against the state in the lower courts. Judge Stephens, in the court of common pleas, held that riparian owners had authority to wharf out to navigable water, in the absence of prohibitory legislation. Mayor Baker made unsuccessful efforts last winter to have the state legislature deed title of submerged land to the city, to pass legislation stopping the making of land.

No mention was made at yesterday's meeting of the fact that legislation now pending before the council revokes important switch track grants of the Pennsylvania railroad. This was to have been Baker's trump card in forcing the building of the station. A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central line, said he desired to correct a report that the Pennsylvania company had been delaying the project.

Smith Proposes Arbitrators.

The proposal for a board of arbitrators came from Smith. The first proposal made by him on behalf of the railroads differed but little from the revised draft made by Baker. Smith had proposed that the exchange of W. 9th st. and easterly lake front be made on a basis of actual acreage. Baker wanted the trade to be made on an equivalent valuation basis.

Smith, in response to the mayor's questions, said that his company would be ready in a day to sign a contract of the kind proposed. He said that it would take three years to build a depot of the type contemplated, if no difficulties were experienced in financing. Financing would not be hard unless the United States joins in the European war, the head of the New York Central said.

Baker made it clear that any contract between the city and the railroad would have to be approved at a referendum. It was for this reason that he desired an early decision in the matter, he said.

Attorneys for the railroads and Director of Law Stockwell were directed to prepare a contract incorporating provisions tentatively decided on yesterday. Another meeting of railroad heads and city officials will be held before August 15.

Plain Dealer Saturday

AGREE ON COMPACT FOR UNION STATION

City and Railroads Concur on Land Trade and Lake Front Extension.

Frame Basis for Putting of Question Up to Electors in November.

Erection of a union passenger station as part of the group plan, a trade of land that will enable the city to extend its lake front development to E. 26th-st and the purchase of city park property required for station purposes for $1,400,000 were points agreed to by railroad representatives at a conference yesterday in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker.

All fundamental questions were agreed upon at yesterday's conference and the result was a determination to work out the details in time for the submission of the entire union depot and lake front land exchange questions to the electors at the November election.

While city attorneys were preparing to work out this agreement yesterday minority members of the city council and a caucus in the office of Councilman W. S. FitzGerald were preparing to make their final fight against the pending Barber and Cleveland & Youngstown railroad grants at the last meeting of council prior to the councilmanic vacation.

To Demand Terminal Plans.

Councilman W. B. Woods will offer a resolution in council demanding that Cleveland & Youngstown officials place before the council the plan of their entire development from E. 9th-st to Prospect-av N. W. showing the passenger terminal and the roads it is proposed will enter the station.

Representatives of the Cleveland & Youngstown have denied the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines intend to use the passenger terminal just south of Public square. They have claimed it is merely to be used for their own line, the interurban lines and by the valley steam railroads.

President A. H. Smith of the New York Central yesterday announced for the New York Central, Pennsylvania and the Big Four that these companies would build a station facing the north end of the mall if the city exchanged its Bath-st rights for filled-in land north of property lying east of E. 9th-st, now held by the railroads.

A foot-for-foot basis was proposed by him. The mayor suggested that a value-for-value basis be substituted and this was finally agreed.

It was further agreed that Bath-st questions remaining unsettled and all land value questions should be submitted to a board of arbitration consisting of Cleveland citizens was suggested by President Smith.

At the meeting of Republican members of council yesterday Councilman Alex Bernstein announced he would offer an amendment to the Cleveland & Youngstown franchise ordinance requiring the company to electrify its entire line within the city limits.

It at first was proposed by him that the company limit the electrification to its freight yard development.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn will offer a resolution Monday calling on the Barber interests to submit a detailed statement showing the proposed lake front development of made land at the foot of E. 55th-st and the land that the company has under lease or option.

Mayor Baker and other city officials are determined to push the union depot negotiations from this time and attorneys will present the form of the agreement before Aug. 15.

Some of the most important civic questions ever submitted to voters of Cleveland will be placed before the people at the coming election, according to yesterday's developments. In addition to these railroad and lake front questions the people may be asked to vote on the purchase of the property of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. and the Cleveland Railway Co.

At the conclusion of the conference in Mayor Baker's office this general agreement was drafted by the mayor showing the lines upon which attorneys representing the city and railroads are to proceed:

The railroads are to build a union passenger station for the New York Central lines and the Pennsylvania lines at the head of the Mall on property heretofore discussed as a site for Union depot in accordance with plans which will provide adequate facilities and conform to the requirements of the location. The land in Lakeview park north and south of the present rights of way to be conveyed to the railroad companies for the sum of $1,400,000, which sum is to be expended by the city in the acquisition of outstanding ownerships in the Mall and in other ways in and about the Mall, thus perfecting the approaches to the station itself.

The city and the railroads are to work out an exchange of the city's rights in the Bath-st tract east and west of the river for lands to be filled by the railroad companies east of E. 9th-st. This exchange to be on the basis of agreement, the effort being to exchange equivalent values—the method of exchange to be determined by subsequent arrangements.

The city is to co-operate with the railroad companies in securing the establishment of a harbor line in the east basin east of E. 9th-st, and also to co-operate with the railroad companies in acquiring from the federal government and private parties the lands east of E. 9th-st necessary for the enlarged rights of way needed by the railroad companies, and all lands lying north thereof—such acquisition to be on joint account, and an equitable apportionment of the lands both made and covered by water between the city and the railroad companies to be made after such acquisition.

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The board of arbitration, except as to controversies affecting materials, designs or elevations of the Union station, to be composed wholly of citizens of Cleveland.

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WITT'S PETITIONS READY FOR FILING

Mayoralty Candidate Has 14,320 Signatures, With More to Come.

Democratic Leader in Ward No. 7 Enters Contest for Council.

Mayoralty petitions for Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt are ready for filing at any time, according to announcement made at Democratic headquarters yesterday.

Thomas Brannon, secretary of the Democratic county committee, said yesterday the petitions already have 14,320 signatures, with several lists still to be heard from. It is possible no effort will be made to bring in the petitions still out.

Filing will be postponed until Mr. Witt returns from his vacation, as it will be necessary for him to go through the formality of signing an acceptance.

The councilmanic contest in Ward 7 received another entrant yesterday, when James J. Hogan, Democratic ward leader, took out petitions. Mr. Hogan is a bookkeeper in the office of the county treasurer.

P. J. Naughton and Edward Alyward also are councilmanic candidates in Ward 7.

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Plain Dealer Sunday July 11

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P. J. Naughton and Edward Alyward also are councilmanic candidates in Ward 7.

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Councilman Forecasts Death of Great Subway and Freight Projects in Referendum if Passed Tonight.

MINORITY TO ADVOCATE DELAY ON FRANCHISES

All Committees Meet Today to Clear Up Legislation Before Vacation.

Defeat by a referendum of the Barber subway franchise and the Cleveland & Youngstown terminal franchise ordinances is certain if the projects can be put to a vote, according to Councilman Woods' opinion, expressed yesterday in a statement on behalf of the council minority.

A final fight will be made by the minority, with Councilmen Bernstein and Woods leading, against the proposed measures, which are up for final passage tonight, the last meeting before adjournment for summer vacation.

One franchise ordinance gives the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway authority to build a four-track freight subway in E. 55th st. The other permits the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad to vacate forty streets in the Broadway-Orange ave. district for a vast freight terminal.

Will Urge Delay.

Delay in the passage of both grants will be urged by minority members of the council. Amendments submitted by minority members to the subway grant were voted down at Mayor Baker's personal request a week ago.

Demands for electrification of the entire Cleveland & Youngstown system and a complete statement of its passenger terminal plans east of E. 9th st. will be made by minority councilmen tonight. In case the two franchises go through as scheduled, minority councilmen will direct a referendum campaign on the measures.

"Sufficient time for consideration of the many phases involved in these grants has not been taken," declared Woods, speaing for Councilman Fitz-Gerald, who is away.

"Why should there be such undue haste in giving these railroad corporations just about all they ask? The electrification of the freight terminal should be insisted upon in the Cleveland & Youngstown grant; a statement of the railroads interested in the enterprise and what are the proposed plans of the company for the development of its property west of E. 9th st., should also be insisted upon.

Bond Already Waived.

"In the Barber grant, free use of the made land to all shippers and carriers of merchandise should be provided. A bond to show good faith to the people has already been waived by the administration.

"For years the people have witnessed Mayor Baker making a great show of fighting for the people's rights against the aggressions of the corporations. Apparently a change has come for now the mayor and his councilmen are insisting upon immediate passage of these important corporation grants.

"The minority councilmen believe that neither of the proposed franchises properly safeguards the public interests. The amendments which they have submitted are fair and reasonable and without them the ordinances should be defeated. A referendum would be welcomed and would result in defeat of the franchises."

In addition to the proposed referendums voters will have an opportunity to pass on several other projects this fall through action by the council tonight.

Tax Levy Vote to Pass.

An ordinance authorizing a vote upon the question of making a special tax levy of two and one-half tenths of a mill for sewage disposal purposes will be passed. The levy is to be in excess of the present fifteen-mill limitation for all purposes.

Submission of a charter amendment, giving annexed villages a separate councilman, will be authorized. Legislation directing a vote upon the question of issuing $100,000 worth of bonds for public comfort stations and $200,000 for extending Carnegie ave. will also be up for passage.

Practically every committee of the council will meet today to clear up pending legislation before adjournment. Councilman Koch, chairman of the street railway committee, announced yesterday that his committee would hold a session in the city council chambers to consider all complaints regarding car service.

Delay Pennsy Action.

The council will defer action on legislation revoking switch track grants of the Pennsylvania railroad. Mayor Baker has sent word that the railroad has shown a disposition to go ahead with the building of a new union passenger station. The revocation ordinances are to be held in abeyance.

Other railroad legislation will include the passage of an emergency ordinance allowing the Nickel Plate railroad to go ahead with the elimination of West Side grade crossings, with funds advanced by the city.

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Democratic Steam Roller Flattens Opposition in Awarding Grants.

REFERENDUMS PROMISED

Council Also Votes to Trade Shaker Lakes Land for Boulevard Strips.

Democratic councilmen last night crushed opposition of minority members of the council and passed the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and the Barber E. 55th st. subway ordinances. A proposal to require the electrification of the terminal was rejected.

Referendum elections on both grants were promised by the minority members, who lined up solidly against the two franchise ordinances. Administration councilmen sidestepped a resolution to assist in a referendum by referring to committee Councilman Bernstein's resolution pledging assistance in obtaining signatures for a vote on the grants.

Chances of obtaining a new union passenger station are lessened by the passage of the Cleveland & Youngstown grant, Councilman Bernstein declared. He led in the opposition, and charged that the project was essentially a New York Central move and insisted the ordinance should have been held up until the last named railroad had signed an iron-clad agreement to go ahead with a new depot, Bernstein said.

Last Before Vacation.

The meeting of the council was the last before adjournment for summer vacation and lasted more than four hours. Other business included:

Passage of ordinance to trade fourteen acres of Shaker Lakes park land to Kenyon V. Painter for two boulevard strips extending from present park to Center rd.

Introduction of legislation submitting increased tax levy for sewage disposal plants and $300,000 Carnegie ave. street opening bonds to popular vote.

Transferred $50,000 from street cleaning and street lighting funds to meet deficits in department of public welfare. Service department to be reimbursed in October by sale of notes.

Passed ordinance to pay waterworks $112,000 for site of E. 53d st. municipal lighting plant.

Adoption of resolution directing proper marking of street cars and defeat of Dittrick ordinance regulating the payment of fares.

Twelve amendments to the Cleveland & Youngstown grant were submitted by Bernstein. Councilmen Stolte and Moylan broke away from the majority and supported the amendments. Stolte voted with the five Republicans present against the passage of the ordinance.

Woods Turned Down.

The council, by a party vote, also rejected Councilman Woods' resolution calling for a statement naming the railroads interested in the terminal project and the company's plans for development east of E. 9th st.

Councilman Smith was the only administration member attempting a defense of the ordinance. He offered no arguments against Bernstein's demands that an electrification requirement be written into the ordinance. Mayor Baker had not a word to say during the whole discussion, although he became active again in behalf of the Barber subway ordinance when it was called up and attacked.

"You will wait many and many a year for a union passenger station if you pass this grant," said Bernstein in making his closing argument.

"This is a New York Central proposition pure and simple, although the men who are in here asking for a franchise are trying to tell you differently. We should make no concessions to the railroads until they have signed an iron-clad agreement to go ahead with the building of a depot on the lake front."

"We have the word of President Smith that the New York Central will build a depot. He may resign tomorrow."

Evasion Charged.

Bernstein charged that company attorneys had been evasive in stating who was back of the terminal project, that the smoke nuisance would depreciate property for miles around and that administration councilmen were placed in the position of favoring big corporations as against the rights of the people.

The fight against the Barber ordinance was no less stubborn, and equally fruitless, although not lasting so long. Mayor Baker took the floor to answer Councilman Gahn's charge that the mayor had "fired" the city river and harbor commission because the members had dared to protest against the granting of a federal permit for the Barber company to fill into the lake at E. 55th st. The final vote on the ordinance was 20 to 5, all Democrats supporting it.

After voting down the electrification clause in the Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance the council adopted a resolution authorizing the naming of a committee to make a study of the electrification of all railroads.

President Thompson named Moylan, Townes, Rolfe, Gahn and Damm on the committee.

Signatures of ten per cent of the electors voting at the last election would be required to obtain a referendum upon the two ordinances. Forty days is allowed in which to obtain necessary signatures before the ordinance becomes effective.

Attorney S. V. McMahon, representing the Broadway Improvement Association, said that the organization would meet immediately to decide what steps it would take to assist in a referendum.

H. A. Diebolt, president of the Diebolt Brewing Company, whose $2,000,000 plant will be practically isolated south of the proposed terminal, said that the company would likely join in the referendum campaign. In a communication to the council Diebolt said that the company's supply house would be entirely cut off and the business wiped out.

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The Cleveland & Youngstown grant was approved first, by a vote of 19 to 6, the "noes" being the votes of the five minority members present and the vote of Councilman William Stolte of the administration. Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, minority floor leader, was away. Persistent opposition of the minority and introduction of twelve minority amendments, all of which were defeated, prevented final action until 9 o'clock.

Barber Vote on Strict Division.

The Barber grant was passed within the next hour by a vote of 20 to 5, a strict division between administration forces and the minority.

The minority began immediate efforts looking toward a referendum, and by a resolution prepared in advance and submitted before adjournment asked council to vote to lay both projects before the voters in November. Councilman Adam Damm moved the resolution be referred to the committees on judiciary and printing. Mr. Bernstein termed this dodging the issue and indicating lack of courage on the part of the council to vote "yes" or "no" on the resolution, inasmuch as there would be no meeting again until in August after vacation, when the forty days in which the ordinances would become effective would have elapsed.

The motion to refer was approved by a vote of 13 to 12, equivalent to ending the possibility of council originating a referendum. One vote more would have insured a roll call on the resolution direct. Administration Councilmen R. J. Koch, David Moylan, Joseph Sledz, J. E. Smith, William Stolte, W. G. Tack and William L. Wagner voted with the minority against referring the resolution to committee.

Council adjourned at 11 o'clock, an hour far later than that established by councilmanic custom, not to convene again until late next month. The council vacation starts today.

The city has assurances the Cleveland & Youngstown project will be pushed forward at once.

Mr. Barber, the initiative power behind the E. 55th-st subway enterprise, was an interested listener to the evening's discussion and laughed quietly as the twenty to five vote was announced. He turned to pick up his hat.

"I shall make every effort to make that subway a fact," he remarked with conviction to a man seated near him as he arose and started from the council chamber.

A referendum on both propositions is more than likely. Opponents have forty days in which to file a petition signed by 10 per cent. of the electors.

In the discussion of the Cleveland & Youngstown project, every brand of legislative tactics was invoked by the minority in its last ditch fight.

The attack was led by Councilman Alex Bernstein. He introduced twelve amendment proposals, all of which were defeated. The same fate was shared by a resolution introduced by Councilman W. B. Woods of the minority, demanding that the C. & Y. make an open statement as to what interest other railroads had in the project by contract, agreement or option; what other property options were considered by the road, and what construction it contemplated west of E. 9th-st.

Before the amendments were offered, a communication from the Broadway Improvement association, protesting against the ordinance, was read. A communication from the Diebolt Brewing Co. took the same antagonistic stand. A petition signed by 300 residents near the site of the proposed terminal asked electrification of the system.

After defeat of the amendments, Mr. Bernstein in a final plea against the franchise, charged the New York Central was behind it, despite the denials of its promoters, and accused Mayor Newton D. Baker and his administration with playing with corporation interests. He declared the city should have an ironclad agreement with the railroads to build a union depot at the foot of the mall before giving the Cleveland & Youngstown what it asked.

On the Barber grant a resolution by Councilman Harry C. Gahn to postpone action was defeated, 15 to 5.

In urging his referendum resolution afterward, Mr. Bernstein asked the mayor's opinion on it. Mayor Baker said he considered the referendum a legislative weapon for use of the people, and that he thought council, if it believed in its own action, would be unwise to call on the people to say whether it had done right.

Other actions by council last night included:

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This was the announcement Tuesday of attorney Edward David, attorney Sylvester V. McMahon and Councilman Bernstein, in whose ward the gigantic C. & Y. freight yards will be located.

David represents the Diebolt Brewing Co. and other property owners in the Orange-av district, and McMahon is attorney for the Broadway improvement association. Both fought the ordinance because of alleged damage to their clients.

"Circulation of referendum petitions will begin this week," said David, McMahon and Bernstein in a joint statement Tuesday. "We have 40 days to obtain the necessary 11,000 signatures."

Work Despite Referendum.

David and McMahon will cooperate with Bernstein, who fought both ordinances, and the C. & Y. and Barber referendum petitions will be circulated together.

Work will start on both projects next week, despite the referendum plans, according to O. C. Barber, Akron capitalist, and O. P. Van Sweringen, president of the C. & Y.

Both said they were confident the people would uphold council's action.

The administration will not oppose the referendums, Mayor Baker said, altho council voted down a resolution pledging its support to obtain the necessary signatures.

Here Are Objections.

Here are the reasons David, McMahon and Bernstein gave for their decision to start the petitions:

1: The C. & Y. should be compelled to electrify.

2: The Barber people should put up a $100,000 good faith bond.

3: The New York Central railroad has been acknowledged to be behind the C. & Y., and the C. & Y. ordinance should therefore be held up until there is a contract giving the city a union depot.

4: The Barber people should tell what railroad or railroads, if any, are behind their project, and who is furnishing the necessary capital.

5: The C. & Y. ordinance provides no sufficient outlet north for the people living south of Broadway and for the business interests.

6: The C. & Y. should make public its plans for the extension of its lines west to Ontario-st for a passenger terminal.

7: Lakefront rights of the city should be more fully protected in the Barber franchise.

8: The Barber franchise tenure, 85 years, is too long.

9: The city is not getting enough in return for these valuable grants.

"The people will want a say," said David Tuesday, "about whether the city shall thus throw away the first key it has held for years to the union depot negotiations. They'll want a word on electrification, too."

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Council last night passed the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and Barber subway franchises, minority members fighting to the bitter end and as they went down in defeat threatening referendum action on both projects. A referendum would inject the proposals into the coming municipal campaign as conspicuous issues.

The grants are two of the most important pieces of railroad legislation the city has had to consider in recent years. Both are gigantic undertakings. One gives the Cleveland & Youngstown Railway Co. the right to erect a great freight terminal in the lower Broadway S. E. vicinity, the city vacating forty streets for the purpose. The other permits the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co., backed by Ohio C. Barber, to construct a subway under E. 55th-st from the lake to the southerly limits of the city.

The Cleveland & Youngstown grant was approved first, by a vote of 19 to 6, the "noes" being the votes of the five minority members present and the vote of Councilman William Stolte of the administration. Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, minority floor leader, was away. Persistent opposition of the minority and introduction of twelve minority amendments, all of which were defeated, prevented final action until 9 o'clock.

Barber Vote on Strict Division.

The Barber grant was passed within the next hour by a vote of 20 to 5, a strict division between administration forces and the minority.

The minority began immediate efforts looking toward a referendum, and by a resolution prepared in advance and submitted before adjournment asked council to vote to lay both projects before the voters in November. Councilman Adam Damm moved the resolution be referred to the committees on judiciary and printing. Mr. Bernstein termed this dodging the issue and indicating lack of courage on the part of the council to vote "yes" or "no" on the resolution, inasmuch as there would be no meeting again until in August after vacation, when the forty days in which the ordinances would become effective would have elapsed.

The motion to refer was approved by a vote of 13 to 12, equivalent to ending the possibility of council originating a referendum. One vote more would have insured a roll call on the resolution direct. Administration Councilmen R. J. Koch, David Moylan, Joseph Sledz, J. E. Smith, William Stolte, W. G. Tack and William L. Wagner voted with the minority against referring the resolution to committee.

Council adjourned at 11 o'clock, an hour far later than that established by councilmanic custom, not to convene again until late next month. The council vacation starts today.

The city has assurances the Cleveland & Youngstown project will be pushed forward at once.

Mr. Barber, the initiative power behind the E. 55th-st subway enterprise, was an interested listener to the evening's discussion and laughed quietly as the twenty to five vote was announced. He turned to pick up his hat.

"I shall make every effort to make that subway a fact," he remarked with conviction to a man seated near him as he arose and started from the council chamber.

A referendum on both propositions is more than likely. Opponents have forty days in which to file a petition signed by 10 per cent. of the electors.

In the discussion of the Cleveland & Youngstown project, every brand of legislative tactics was invoked by the minority in its last ditch fight. The attack was led by Councilman Alex Bernstein. He introduced twelve amendment proposals, all of which were defeated. The same fate was shared by a resolution introduced by Councilman W. B. Woods of the minority, demanding that the C. & Y. make an open statement as to what interest other railroads had in the project by contract, agreement or option; what other property options were considered by the road, and what construction it contemplated west of E. 9th-st.

Before the amendments were offered, a communication from the Broadway Improvement association, protesting against the ordinance, was read. A communication from the Diebolt Brewing Co. took the same antagonistic stand. A petition signed by 300 residents near the site of the proposed terminal asked electrification of the system.

After defeat of the amendments, Mr. Bernstein in a final plea against the franchise, charged the New York Central was behind it, despite the denials of its promoters, and accused Mayor Newton D. Baker and his administration with playing with corporation interests. He declared the city should have an ironclad agreement with the railroads to build a union depot at the foot of the mall before giving the Cleveland & Youngstown what it asked.

On the Barber grant a resolution by Councilman Harry C. Gahn to postpone action was defeated, 15 to 5.

In urging his referendum resolution afterward, Mr. Bernstein asked the mayor's opinion on it. Mayor Baker said he considered the referendum a legislative weapon for use of the people, and that he thought council, if it believed in its own action, would be unwise to call on the people to say whether it had done right.

Other actions by council last night included:

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Work Despite Referendum.

David and McMahon will cooperate with Bernstein, who fought both ordinances, and the C. & Y. and Barber referendum petitions will be circulated together.

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Both said they were confident the people would uphold council's action.

The administration will not oppose the referendums, Mayor Baker said, altho council voted down a resolution pledging its support to obtain the necessary signatures.

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2: The Barber people should put up a $100,000 good faith bond.

3: The New York Central railroad has been acknowledged to be behind the C. & Y., and the C. & Y. ordinance should therefore be held up until there is a contract giving the city a union depot.

4: The Barber people should tell what railroad or railroads, if any, are behind their project, and who is furnishing the necessary capital.

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7: Lakefront rights of the city should be more fully protected in the Barber franchise.

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Cornelius Maloney, chairman of the picnic committee, yesterday appointed Monroe Curtis sport director for the picnic.

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The ward leaders took out petitions for a referendum on the Sprague gerrymander law and discussed the election of ward assessors, candidates for which will be recommended by the ward clubs.

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Proposes to Demand Low Rate from Illuminating Company March 1, 1916.

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If Company Refuses Reduction, City May Provide Current to Community.

Three-cent electric light for every Cleveland consumer.

That is what Peter Witt Friday pledged will be established if he is elected mayor.

The tractioner issued this formal statement, in effect an ultimatum to the Cleveland Illuminating company in the event he becomes mayor:

"The municipal light plant has demonstrated that 3-cent light is possible; that power can be sold for less than 1 cent.

"To save its business the Cleveland Electric Illuminating company reduced its rates to large consumers to that charged by the city for power purposes; meaning a saving to these customers of more than $800,000 last year.

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Fixes March 1 as Date.

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MANY BALLOTS TO GREET CITY VOTER

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It was estimated at board of elections headquarters yesterday there could be no less than seven separate ballots—and perhaps more. The board will aid all it can by combining similar proposals and placing them on one ballot.

Here will be the line-up that will test the intelligence of the voters, provided each question for which petitions now are in circulation is submitted: Mayor; councilman; ward assessor; four municipal court judges, six-year term; three municipal court judges, four-year term; municipal court clerk; constitutional amendment proposing state wide prohibition; constitutional amendment to prevent recurring submission of defeated amendment proposals; charter amendment establishing a minimum wage; charter amendment to allow annexed territories their own councilmen; bond issue for extending Carnegie-av S. E.; bond issue for eliminating East Side grade crossings; special levy of one-fourth mill for sewage disposal plant; union depot ordinance; whether Barber and C. & Y. franchise shall be upheld; purchase by the city of street railway system (backed by Socialists).

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The candidate declared the company had reduced its rates to large consumers to that charged by the city, and that if, in event of his election, the company had not reduced its rates to small consumers by March 1, 1916, he would take to the voters the question of issuing bonds to enlarge the municipal plant to serve all consumers.

The board of control, at its meeting in Mayor Newton D. Baker's office yesterday morning, approved decreases in the lighting department's payroll and the lopping off of several positions. Included in the amount subtracted from the payroll, which totaled approximately $5,000 a year, was the salary of $3,000 paid to the superintendent of customers' contracts, who recently resigned.

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Custodian Frank Beckett is setting the styles for other city hall employees.

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The city administration, it is announced, which will be elected in November will face worse conditions than in the past.

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The city's cut is to help out the county, which has been required to refund $500,000 bonds on account of the failure to realize on John D. Rockefeller's tax levy.

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In the evening the new E. 62d st. playground will be dedicated. An illuminated motor boat parade will take place off E. 9th st. pier. Bands will play at E. 9th st. and there will be a fireworks display. In connection with the exercises at E. 9th st. the Cleveland & Buffalo and Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Cos. have issued an invitation to the public to inspect their new passenger and freight stations at that point.

BECKETT SETS BEACH STYLES AT CITY HALL

Custodian Frank Beckett is setting the styles for other city hall employees.

Beckett last week made his appearance in a natty Palm Beach suit. Director of Public Utilities Stage admired the suit and came to work in a new Palm Beach yesterday. Mayor Baker promptly announced that he was going to get a suit just like it. Beckett blossomed forth in white shoes yesterday. It is not known whether any directors are to follow Beckett's example in footwear.

CITY FACES WORST CRISIS FINANCIALLY

Must Continue Business on Borrowed Capital, Says Mayor.

County, Losing John D.'s Tax, Must be Helped Out.

Candidates for mayor this fall will have an opportunity to discuss what city improvement work will be done next year and what will be left undone as the result of running the city on borrowed money, intimated Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday.

Mayor Baker's remarks were called forth by a comparative list of budget estimates for the coming year prepared by County Auditor John A. Zangerle, to be presented to the budget commission at an informal meeting Thursday morning preparatory to the regular meeting the first Monday in August.

The city administration, it is announced, which will be elected in November will face worse conditions than in the past.

Will Lop Off Big Sum.

The budget commission is expected to lop off between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000 from the estimate of $8,493,000 required for running the city for the year, according to Auditor Zangerle.

More than $1,000,000 long time notes are outstanding for current expenses, an increase of more than $300,000 since last year.

The city's cut is to help out the county, which has been required to refund $500,000 bonds on account of the failure to realize on John D. Rockefeller's tax levy.

Besides this an increase in the Cleveland tax rate will be from $1.51 to $1.53 and possibly to $1.55. In few of the other townships and corporations of Cuyahoga county will there be a material change in the tax rate or the budget submitted.

The Cleveland estimate for general purposes for the 1915 budget is $4,992,000; for sinking fund, $3,501,000; total, $8,493,000. In the 1914 budget the city was allowed $3,646,000 for general purposes and $2,100,000 for the sinking fund; total $5,746,000.

Cleveland estimates for schools and libraries for 1915 are, general purposes, $4,470,000; sinking fund, $631,000; total $5,371,000. In 1914 the schools were allowed, general purposes, $4,662,000; sinking fund, $388,000; total $5,050,000.

County estimates for the 1915 budget, general purposes, $2,105,000; sinking fund, $1,110,000; total, $3,122,000. In the 1914 budget was $1,962,000 for general purposes and $1,160,000 sinking fund; total $3,122,000.

The situation which the budget commission faces is the decreased duplicate in the county. Last year the county could have made a higher estimate under the law, but did not do so on account of the expectation of taxes from its share from the Rockefeller property.

As a matter of fact, out of the total budget of $3,122,000 for the county last year only $2,414,000 was collected for county purposes, leaving a deficit of $708,000. The county, to [illegible] the refunding of $200,000 bonds [illegible] using money from various funds, has got along through the year, but must have the same amount or more next year.

Besides this, the levying a tax of 20 to 25 cents on the $100 to rebuild county roads in Cleveland is being considered. The legality of this proposition is being considered following a meeting of the commissioners Monday.

This, together with the 30 cents per $100 emergency tax allowed, added to the $1.50 legal tax rate,

JUST CAN'T STAY AWAY

Mayor Baker Finds City Draws Him Twice Weekly.

"I couldn't get along without seeing you all twice a week."

Thus Mayor Newton D. Baker, beaming upon the assembled directors of city departments, yesterday morning vetoed a suggestion by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin that as council is having its vacation it might not be necessary for the board of control to meet semi-weekly.

The board yesterday approved a revision of the contract awarded to Joseph F. Sturdy of Chicago to do the decorative tinting of plaster surfaces of the new city hall, to assure Mr. Sturdy in definite terms a profit of $10,000.

The board approved a contract with the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Co. for $68,000 for rebuilding the pumping engines at the Division-st pumping station. A contract for $11,000 for cable for the municipal light plant, let to the Standard Underground Cable Co., was approved.

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Mayor Newton D. Baker is to go to Columbus today for a meeting of the Democratic state central committee called to decide a committee fight in Lucas county. Two committees have recommended candidates for the Lucas county board of elections.

Congressman William Gordon called on the mayor yesterday and they discussed the state and national political outlook.

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OBSERVE BIRTHDAY, MAYOR ASKS CITY

Baker Issues Proclamation Making Tomorrow Holiday as Founding Honor.

Celebration at E. 9th-st Pier, With Boat Parade, Will End Day.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, in a Cleveland day proclamation, asks employers of the city, wherever possible, to allow their employes to have at least a half holiday tomorrow.

This is the mayor's proclamation, issued yesterday:

The 22d day of July having been set aside by ordinance of council as Cleveland day, I call upon the people of the city to participate in such suitable ceremonies and recreations as shall serve to impress the lesson which the holiday is meant to teach.

The significance of a modern city deserves to be recognized. The health, welfare and happiness of those who live in cities depend upon an appreciation of the fact that through co-operation the city is made wholesome and its people strong. In the public parks and elsewhere throughout the city efforts will be made appropriately to mark the day.

Citizens can contribute by exhibiting flags on their houses and by participating in the enjoyment of the public parks, and employers are especially requested, where possible, to permit their employes to be free for at least half of the day.

The details of the official program for tomorrow's festivities, celebrating the founding of the city by Moses Cleaveland, was announced yesterday. Arrangements were completed for the evening celebration at the new E. 9th-st piers.

A speaker's stand will be erected on the city's pier. There will be band music from 7:30 to 8 p. m. The speaking program will be between 8 and 8:30, Mayor Newton D. Baker and Attorney Harvey D. Goulder delivering the addresses. Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo will preside.

From 8:30 to 9:30 the band will play, and there will be a fireworks display. At 9:30 the illuminated motorboat parade will start outside the piers, and the boat companies' buildings will be opened for public inspection, with guides in charge. Should it rain, the speaking will be inside the D. & C. pier building.

Mayor Baker officially will turn over the keys of the buildings and piers to T. F. Newman, general manager of the C. & B. line and to D. C. McIntyre, general agent of the D. & C. line.

MAYORS PASS EACH OTHER

Baker and Columbus Executive Cross Wires on Business.

Mayor Newton D. Baker of Cleveland and Mayor George J. Karb of Columbus crossed wires yesterday.

Mayor Karb made a rush trip to Cleveland for information from the municipal lighting department. He wired ahead he wanted to see the mayor, the mayor's secretary or the director of public service.

Mayor Baker was in Columbus attending a meeting of the Democratic state central committee, and when Mayor Karb arrived his business was handled for him by Milton L. Young, mayor's secretary.

CARS TO PASS BY HOMES OF MILLIONAIRES

Grating of Street Cars on Euclid-av Exclusive Zone to Follow Ohio Supreme Court Decision.

Tracks Will be Laid Within Month as Home Rule Wins Over Old State Consent Law.

BAKER SAYS JOHNSON POLICIES ARE COMPLETED

Prospect-av Tracks May be Continued to E. 55th-st.

"Millionaires' row," once immune from the quiet-dispelling influences of street cars, within a month will be divided against itself by four lines of glistening track and its mansions will reverberate with the clang of the motorman's gong.

Setting aside the state "consent" law as applied to cities holding charters under the home rule amendment and discounting the famous "gentlemen's agreement" between property owners, the state supreme court at Columbus yesterday granted the Cleveland Railway Co. the right to lay double tracks on Euclid-av between E. 22d-st and E. 40th-st, ending a legal battle of many years.

Work on the laying of tracks will be started this morning, according to John J. Stanley, president of the Cleveland Railway Co. If the old style of construction were followed, Mr. Stanley said, the line could be completed in three or four days.

Finish in Three Weeks.

The concrete track bed, however, must be given time to set and three weeks will see the track work finished. So residents of "millionaires' row" will have to wait a month before they can benefit from their new street car line.

Rerouting of cars from Prospect-av S. E. to Euclid-av has not been decided upon, it was said yesterday. It is likely Euclid cars will be routed straight out Euclid-av, eliminating the present loop around Prospect-av S. E.

Heights, Wade Park and suburban cars may continue on Prospect-av. It is possible tracks on the private right-of-way west of E. 22d-st will be torn up.

In this connection, it was reported yesterday, steps may be taken to make even further use of the Prospect-av tracks by continuing them to E. 55th-st. If this were done, a West Side line might be continued past the Public square, and out Prospect-av to E. 55th-st.

The attitude taken by the supreme court yesterday, with only Associate Justice Thomas Jones dissenting, is interpreted to assert once more the constitutionality of a municipal charter to supersede the state law in all matters except taxation and police regulations.

By the same decision citizens of charterless Cincinnati were granted a permanent injunction, preventing the traction company in that city from laying tracks in Reading-rd. The court also made impossible the projected plan of building a car line in East Broad-st, Columbus, an exclusive residence street.

Uphold Consent Law.

In the cases of Cincinnati and Columbus, the supreme court upheld the constitutionality of the so-called "consent" law, requiring the approval of a majority of abutting property owners before a street car line can be built through any thoroughfare. In the case of Cleveland, the court held that a municipal charter adopted under the home rule amendment may rightfully contain a provision to nullify the consent law within the municipality, as Cleveland's charter does.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, who was in Columbus yesterday at the meeting of the Democratic state central committee, was delighted at the termination of the long fight and the victory won by the city.

"This is the last of the big questions started by Mr. Johnson, and it results in the victory he foresaw when the fight started," Mayor Baker said. "I am delighted we have won the fight, and it seems most happy that it should come while the city is still seeking to follow out the lines laid down by Mr. Johnson.

"Now that we have won the fight, the last of the many big ones that were started by or under the influence of Mr. Johnson, I am perfectly delighted. There will be great joy in Cleveland over the result and the victory of the people. I am now ready and pleased to lay down the duties of mayor because the big fights have been won.

"This is an application of the home rule idea advocated by Mayor Brand Whitlock at Columbus during the constitutional convention when he urged that the constitution be so changed the people might have a chance to tell the supreme court what they wanted and get it, rather than have the court continually saying what the people of the cities might not have.

"We appear to have written a home rule amendment to the constitution that was sufficiently plain, and it is now decided as conclusive by the high court and the state knows what it means."

"The decision is correct," said Director of Law John N. Stockwell. "I am greatly pleased with its terms. Property owners along Euclid-av should get together now and agree unanimously to the widening of the street."

"The decision seems peculiarly fitting at this time," said Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo, "coming as it does two days after the birthday of Tom L. Johnson."

Years ago property owners along Euclid-av beltween E. 22d-st and E. 40th-st entered into an agreement whereby no one property owner would give his consent to the laying of street car tracks through the section unless all others did so. This agreement expired last year.

The Cleveland fight began actively two years ago when the city council approved the expenditure of money by the Cleveland Railway Co., to construct a loop on Archwood-av and Fulton-rd S. W. In March, 1914, E. C. Goebel, 3718 Fulton-rd S. W., obtained a temporary injunction holding up the project, but the injunction proceedings were never heard. In the meantime the city council granted the company a franchise covering the proposed loop.

Early this spring Common Pleas Judge Willis Vickery heard arguments on a petition to make the Archwood-av injunction permanent. A few days before Frank Billings, 2728 Euclid-av, and twenty-four other property owners petitioned common pleas court to enjoin the railway company from carrying out its plans to lay tracks in "millionaires' row."

Attorneys for the company assured them no work would be started until the validity of the city charter provision eliminating the consent law had been tried out in the Archwood-av case then before Judge Vickery. Inasmuch as the issues were similar in the two cases, the Euclid-av property owners asked to be heard in argument in the Archwood-av case.

Judge Vickery's decision upheld the street railway company in the Archwood-av case and released it from the injunction. The Euclid-av property owners, however, appealed from the decision, laying their case before the appellate court.

The appellate court sustained Judge Vickery's decision and the case went to the state supreme court, which granted a restraining order pending final disposition. In the supreme court the Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus cases were joined, the decision being announced yesterday.

Property owners along Euclid-av, who opposed the laying of tracks, are Frank Billings, Charles F. Brush, A. S. Chisholm, Thomas W. Burnham, Julia Clark, Amanda L. Corlett, Ellen P. Cox, Emma R. E. and George A. Garretson, Coralia W. Hanna, Edith Hale Harkness, Sarah L. Leonard, Mary P. McNairy, Samuel Mather, Matilda H. Merritt, Elizabeth C. T. Miller, Earl W. Oglebay, Catherine A. Osborne, Douglas Perkins, Lucretia J. Prentiss, Cornelia M. Reese, Mary P. Savage, Frederick A. Sterling, **Mary E. Whitelaw and Julia H. York.**

$35,000,000 IS ADDED TO TAX LIST OF COUNTY

1915 Duplicate Estimated at $1,099,828,900; Cleveland's Share in Increase Is Placed at $19,000,000.

New buildings erected in Cuyahoga county during the last year and revaluations made on real estate will increase the total tax duplicate by more than $35,000,000, according to estimates prepared yesterday by Morris New, chief clerk of the real estate department in the county tax office.

The estimates place the 1915 duplicate at $1,099,828,900. The 1914 duplicate was $1,064,086,405, without the Rockefeller assessment of $311,000,000, which the federal court held could not be collected.

City's Increase $19,000,000.

Every township in the county will show an increase in valuations while nineteen of the twenty-five villages will show an increase. East Cleveland and Lakewood valuations will be lower. Cleveland's valuation increase is estimated at about $19,000,000, which is smaller than last year. New says the increase is not larger because properties valued at about $1,500,000 have been torn down during the year.

Decreases in valuations will be shown in Bay village, Bratenahl, Berea, Fairview, Olmsted Falls and West Park.

These decreases will amount to $538,245. East Cleveland's decrease over the 1914 duplicate will be $311,373,570, while Lakewood will lose $874,110. With the exception of the Rockefeller assessment made in East Cleveland, the decreases follow decisions of the board of complaints.

Big Increase on Heights.

Outside of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights shows the largest increase in valuations. The increase in Cleveland Heights will be $6,235,040; in Euclid village, $4,599,410; in Shaker Heights, $3,821,265; and in East View, $2,491,345.

Revaluations in Cleveland Heights were approved yesterday by a committee of citizens, including Mayor Cain, who held a conference with Tax Commissioners Ruhl and Salen.

To avoid confusion in taxing seven lots on the line between Cleveland and Cleveland Heights it is likely that the village will pass an ordinance giving Cleveland power to annex the lots, Mayor Cain told commissioners.

PROTEST CAUSED BY PAROLES TO TRAMPS

Chamber of Commerce Committee Believes Practice at Warrensville Is Conducive to Vagrancy.

A protest against the present practice of paroling vagrants from the city correction farm before the term for which they were committed is served was voiced at the conference on vagrancy at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The committee appointed at a previous conference to suggest a remedy recommended that the prisoners be made to serve out their term and that while at the farm they should be made to work at hard manual labor. Building roads and breaking stone were two of the jobs suggested as suitable to cure tramps of their chief fault, laziness.

The committee also recommended that the public be educated to refuse to help tramps who beg money or food.

Good transportation facilities in and out of Cleveland was one of the causes blamed for the large number of tramps now said to be infesting Cleveland. The committee recommended that the railroads be asked to co-operate with the city and state in stopping the practice of riding on freight trains.

In conclusion, the committee recommended that the entire problem be referred to the committee on crime prevention of the Welfare Council for final solution. Consideration of the report was continued to Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock because of the absence of Director of Welfare Cooley.

The report was signed by Director of Public Safety Benesch, Rev. L. E. Sunderland and Howell Wright.

Home Rule and Democracy

CLEVELAND is one of the cities that took advantage of the home rule provision of the new constitution and adopted a charter.

Cincinnati defeated a charter proposal, preferring to continue to be governed by state laws.

Yesterday the Ohio supreme court declared Cleveland has the right, under its charter, to authorize street car lines where needed regardless of whether owners of abutting property approve.

The same court at the same time held that Cincinnati, charterless, is bound by the state law and has not the right to authorize car lines on streets where property owners refuse consent.

The incidents illustrate the difference between home rule and rule by legislature.

The specific advantage that comes to Cleveland thru yesterday's ruling is that in a short time street cars will be running on "millionaires' row," as that section of Euclid-av between E. 22d-st and E. 40th-st has come to be known.

"Millionaires' row" has always ridden in carriages and autos. It didn't need street cars. And somehow it couldn't adjust its mental apparatus to the idea that the autoless and carriageless thousands might need street cars. They were such noisy things. And ugly!

So in the courts and in the legislature, "millionaires' row" successfully resisted all street car building attempts, defeating so redoubtable a warrior as Tom Johnson. For many years this handful of wealthy citizens has inconvenienced thousands of people daily by compelling the Prospect-av car line detour for getting to and from points directly touched by Euclid-av.

Cleveland's new charter seems not only to be a workable instrument of Home Rule, but a text book of democracy as well.

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MANY TO SEEK MAYOR'S CHAIR

Politicians Wednesday felt sure there would be more than three candidates in the mayoralty race this fall, but they said they were at sea as to just who the contestants would be.

William Boyd was to be visited by a delegation from the Scottish American republican club to ask him to run, tho he insisted:

"I am not a candidate."

Charley Salen, in whose behalf petitions are being circulated, stated:

"I am not a candidate yet."

Tractioner Witt's petitions haven't been filed yet.

Miner Norton's followers were peeved Wednesday because of the board of elections announcement that his petitions contained only 6000 signatures instead of the 11,000 that had been announced.

Both Davis and Norton insist they will remain in the race.

There was also a feeling Wednesday among politicians that Bascom Little might yet be persuaded to get into the fight.

CLEVELAND DAY PROGRAM IS BIG

"American games" will be the chief feature of the pageant to be given at Kingsbury park Thursday in celebration of Cleveland day.

Mayor Baker Wednesday urged that all employers heed his proclamation asking for a half holiday for all employes Thursday.

The pageant at Kingsbury park is only one little corner of the day's events. There'll be a flag-raising in the Public square at 9 a. m.

The annual track meet at Brookside stadium will start at 2 p. m. and the pageant at 2:30.

At E. Ninth-st pier, beginning at 7:30 p. m., a motorboat parade and fireworks display, a speech by Mayor Baker, and a band concert will be given.

COOLEY WOULD AID VAGRANTS

Welfare Director Opposes Harsh Measures Suggested.

Welfare Director Cooley will oppose use of drastic measures to curb vagrants, he announced Wednesday.

Cooley's statement followed a meeting late Tuesday of the vagrancy committee at which severe methods were urged. At the committee's next meeting, Friday, Cooley plans to attack the report drawn Tuesday.

"There'll be no stone pile at the Warrensville farm," said Cooley. "We crush our stone by machinery. We have plenty of other work for vagrants, but in dealing with them we must never forget they are human beings."

Cooley said he didn't agree with that section of the report that stated:

"Cleveland has long been known to vagrants as the best spot on earth, and now has the unenviable reputation of being a paradise for undesirables."

"I find there is less begging in Cleveland than in many other big cities in which I have been," said Cooley.

After Friday's meeting the committee will turn over its recommendations to the crime prevention committee and the legislative committee of the welfare council.

ASK NEW BIDS ON CITY DOCK

Fred Wheeler, manager of the Municipal Fish Co. Wednesday asked Server Sidlo to call for new bids on the city's W. Third-st dock.

Wheeler failed to bid last week when the city received bids for the re-leasing of the dock. He said he didn't know that bids had been asked.

Wheeler has used the docks for two years at a rate of $10 monthly rental. At last week's bidding, Fred Schartzenburg, another fish dealer, bid $110 for the dock.

By agreement between the city and Wheeler, which Sidlo declares is still effective, the company is permitted a profit of only two cents a pound over the actual cost of getting the fish. Marketmaster Kamp is the city's watchdog.

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Painters employed on the interior decoration of the new city hall were on strike Wednesday. The men were employed by Joseph F. Sturdy, Chicago painting contractor, who began his work here Monday. They were called out when local union officials received notice that Sturdy had not signed an agreement with the painters' union in Chicago.

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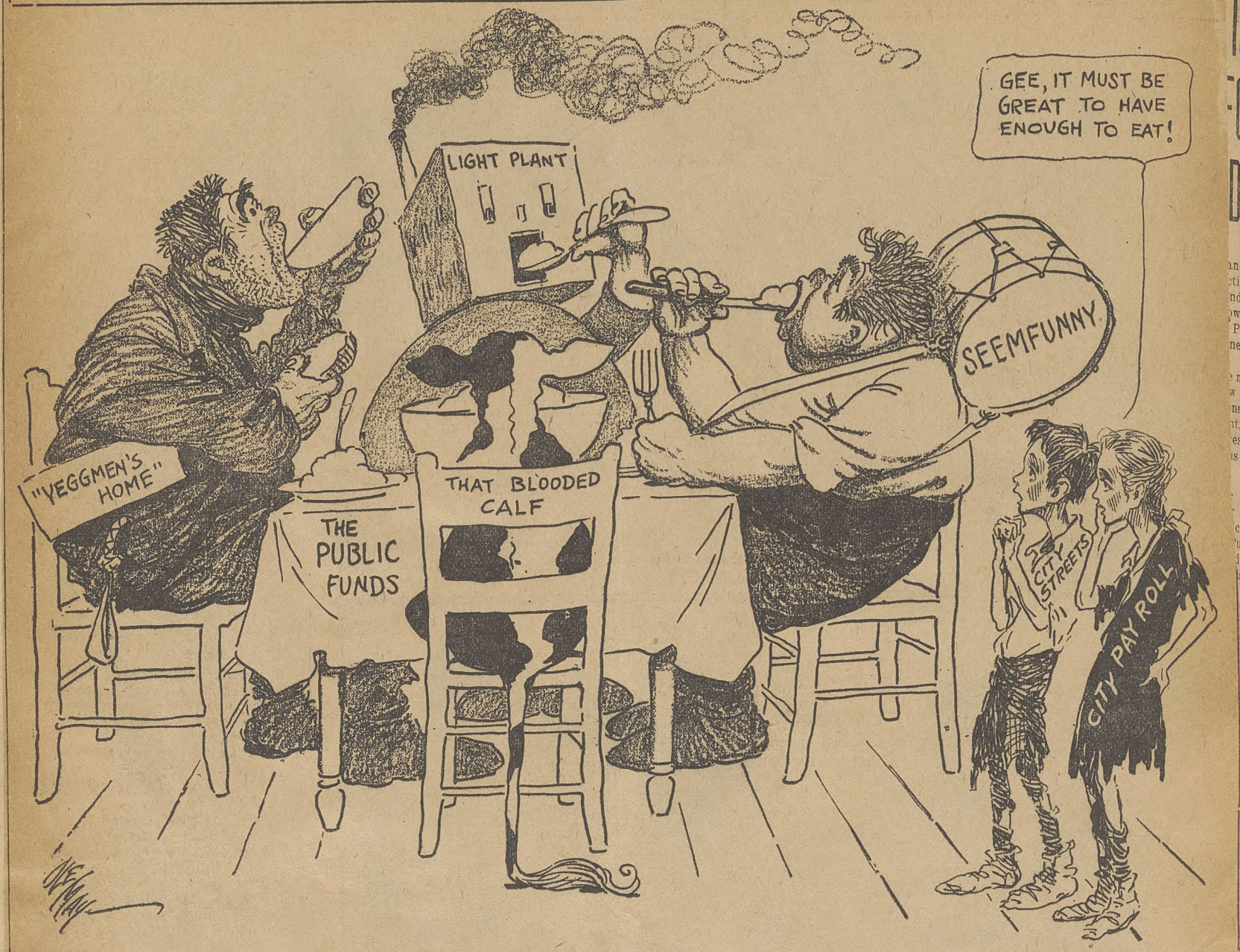
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To Turn Over Pier Keys.

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Throw Open New City Hall and Give Chance to See Art Museum.

Across Public square at 9 this morning will sound the weird melody of the Eagle song sung by full-blooded Indians, as the American flag is raised to the top of its mast to inaugurate Cleveland day.

L. C. Carran, former councilman, will perform the flag raising ceremony, assisted by the Hiawatha players from Shaker Lakes. Chief Schenyandah will make a speech of greeting to the flag and tell what it means to the Indians. Clinton E. Lloyd, producer of the Hiawatha play, will interpret the address.

"Cleveland at Play" might be the general title of the Cleveland day festivities the program provides for this afternoon. And tonight the celebration will be brought to a climax with a band concert, fireworks display, speaking program and illuminated motorboat parade at the new E. 9th-st piers, with public inspection of the pier buildings and docks.

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Throughout today city institutions established since last Cleveland day will be open for inspection and visiting by the public. The ground floor of the new city hall, E. 6th-st and Lakeside-av N. E., will be open and the public will have its first opportunity of seeing what the interior of the magnificent structure is to be like. The gates to the grounds surrounding the new art museum in Wade park will be opened that citizens may get a close range view of the building and guess more nearly at the grandeur it will assume when completed.

The flag raising in Public square is the only official morning event. Two park events will attract great crowds this afternoon. The annual Cleveland day track meet is to begin in the Brookside stadium at 2, and the pageant "Cosmopolitan Cleveland at Play," marking the opening of Kingsbury park (south of Woodland-av S. E. and west of E. 51st-st) will start at 2:30.

At Brookside there will be dashes, runs, relays, pole vaulting and broad and high jumping. The program will take about three hours.

Elaborate preparations have been made by the recreation department for the Kingsbury park pageant. This is the synopsis, as printed on the programs:

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There will be folk and national dances by more than a score of nationalities. Then more than 600 children, representing 32 Cleveland playgrounds, will join in American games—"Drop the Handkerchief," "Farmer in the Dell," and "The Mulberry Bush." As a finale the entire cast of nearly 1,000 will sing "America."

At 4 this evening a new playground on E. 62d-st near St. Clair-av N. E. will be dedicated, with an address by Mayor Baker.

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The Republican lawmaker who, it is believed, has shattered all records by suggesting something to which Baker will subscribe, is Councilman A. R. Dittrick, of the first ward, who asked Law Director Stockwell Wednesday to decide whether the city can pass legislation giving a majority of property owners affected the right to decide whether billboards may be erected.

Baker O. K.'s Dittrick Fight.

Dittrick's esthetic sense was galvanized into action by constituents who complained of the erection of a big billboard at Detroit ave. and W. 107th st.

"I have nothing to say as to the possibility of Mr. Dittrick's suggestion. That is a matter of law," said the mayor. "But if the law director finds it is possible further to restrict signboards in this way I most certainly will do all I can to bring it about.

"The question in my mind is whether the public mind has advanced to the point where the courts can uphold esthetics as against the 'sacred law' of property rights. So far we have been able to restrict billboards only under the police powers in the interests of the public safety and health."

Whereupon the mayor gazed out his window until his sensibilities were shocked by a brilliant representation of Lake Erie, plus a yellow boat, sailing among the windows on the south end of the Morgan Lithograph Company's building, St. Clair ave. and E. 3d st.

Sees Biggest Painting.

Then the mayor brought his eyes quickly back and set his jaw hard, indicating strengthening of his resolution to help Dittrick, Republican, make himself solid in Ward 1 by an antibillboard fight.

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TUNNEL TO BE READY IN 1916

The new West-side waterworks tunnel will be completed next summer, tho probably not early in the spring, as originally planned, Utilities Director Stage told board of control members Friday.

Mayor Baker asked Stage to submit to him all the facts and figures bearing on the completion date.

The board revised the salary schedule for tunnel workers. A number of men refused to go to work, after a previous revision, until they were promised the schedule would again be rearranged. "Muckers," who were cut 50 cents a day under the first revision, will again get $3.50 a day.

BILLBOARD FIGHT GETS BAKER'S O.K.

Newton D. Baker, mayor, esthete and art critic, Friday indicated he would be willing to line up even with a Republican councilman if such person would devise a scheme for getting rid of lurid billboards.

The Republican lawmaker who, it is believed, has shattered all records by suggesting something to which Baker will subscribe, is Councilman C. R. Dittrick, of the first ward, who asked Law Director Stockwell Wednesday to decide whether the city can pass legislation giving a majority of property owners affected the right to decide whether billboards may be erected.

Baker O. K.'s Dittrick Fight.

Dittrick's esthetic sense was galvanized into action by constituents who complained of the erection of a big billboard at Detroit ave. and W. 97th st.

"I have nothing to say as to the possibility of Mr. Dittrick's suggestion. That is a matter of law," said the mayor. "But if the law director finds it is possible further to restrict signboards in this way I most certainly will do all I can to bring it about.

"The question in my mind is whether the public mind has advanced to the point where the courts can uphold esthetics as against the 'sacred law' of property rights. So far we have been able to restrict billboards only under the police powers in the interests of the public safety and health."

Whereupon the mayor gazed out his window until his sensibilities were shocked by a brilliant representation of Lake Erie, plus a yellow boat, sailing among the windows on the south end of the Morgan Lithograph Company's building, St. Clair ave. and E. 3d st.

Sees Biggest Painting.

Then the mayor brought his eyes quickly back and set his jaw hard, indicating strengthening of his resolution to help Dittrick, Republican, make himself solid in Ward 1 by an antibillboard fight.

Morgan company employees explained the picture was to make up to postoffice employees for the view of the real Lake Erie, lost because of the interpolation in the line of vision of the Morgan company's plant. The painting is to have no lettering further to offend the mayor. It is, in point of size, the most stupendous painting in Cleveland.

The painting, done in deep, ocean blue, is adorned by a gold frame. It supplants black and white printers' signs. It is visible from all city hall north and west windows, and if Baker looks northward from his office bounding billows breaking upon a sandy coast greet his eyes.

"It's probably the outburst of an esthetic spirit, but it doesn't appeal to me," declared Baker. "Of course, building owners have a perfect right to do what they want with their walls; they're within their province in painting anything that isn't indecent."

Calls It Work of Art.

"That painting is a real work of art," came back G. C. Groll, secretary of the Morgan company. "We decided downtown Cleveland looked too bare; therefore, the lakeside scene. In Germany walls dare not be left bare; they must be painted. We think the idea is a good one and that other downtown owners should do likewise."

However, Lighting Commissioner Ballard, whose office directly faces the outside mural, extended a little balm to the Morgan company. He maintained the scene is quite beautiful aside from the fact that the water inshore is as blue as that away out, something he claims only a "nature faker" would do.

According to Law Director Stockwell, Dittrick is on the right track in his billboard fight.

"I am not sure it can be done, and I don't know whether it will require a charter amendment or merely council action," Stockwell said. "But the plan seems the most feasible of any suggested so far."

He added that Cleveland already has the most stringent billboard regulations in the United States.

He anticipates a bitter fight from billboard erectors in case Dittrick's plan gets past the idea stage.

BAKER'S AFTER TUNNEL DELAY

Mayor Baker, on learning Friday that work on the new West Side tunnel is progressing at the rate of only 200 feet a week, ordered Utilities Director Stage to submit at once a complete report of progress and the cost to date. Stage, it is expected, will be reprimanded and given notice greater haste is imperative.

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WHAT THE COMPANY MEANS.

In plain, blunt English this is what the C. & Y. means by the foregoing:

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WHAT CLEVELAND WANTS.

An agreement by the C. & Y. that it will electrify at such time as the city may direct.

The Press hopes that council's mind is mature enough to read the C. & Y. letter aright. In the guise of making a concession to the city, the C. & Y. really is demanding something.

It wants to require the city to prove that electrification is ECONOMICAL. Electrification is likely to be expensive. Otherwise, the C. & Y. would adopt it without being ordered to do so.

Also the C. & Y. doesn't want to do any electrifying until the other railroads have electrified. When the other roads electrify, the C. & Y. won't need any order from the city. It will have to electrify or go out of business.

By the proposed amendment the C. & Y. puts itself in a far stronger position to resist electrification than any of the railroads now operating in the city.

The city must have the final say as to how, when and where electrification shall take place, the reasonableness or necessity for it to be determined by a board of experts or by some other thoro method. But by this amendment the company would have the final say.

And let us not forget the union depot. Before the C. & Y. grant is permitted to go into effect, there should be signed, sealed and delivered to the city by all railroads interested an agreement to assist in the erection of a union depot.

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BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

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Early in the session it was voted await the report of a conciliation mmittee appointed some months nce to ascertain what could be done ward adjusting the Republican tuation locally so that the party in eveland might go into the mayorty campaign united behind one candidate.

Efforts to have the league go on cord in a way that would make a olitical issue of the Barber subway nd Cleveland & Youngstown railay freight terminal grants and put e Republican party on record gainst the franchises failed. The ost the proponents of the referndum proposition got was a vote ommending the councilmen who ought to restrict the powers granted n the ordinances and failing in that oted against them.

30 Clubs Represented.

The meeting was attended by delegates from more than thirty clubs, and was one of the largest in the history of the organization.

Owen Evans forced the mayoralty situation to attention by asking for a report from the conciliation committee. Cornelius Maloney and Jonathan Evans reported for the committee that it had been confronted by stubborn conditions due to factionalism in the party ranks and for a long time it seemed that nothing could be accomplished to bring the party in line for a single candidate.

Recently, however, sentiment for unity had increased and more effort was being made for harmony. "When the situation does adjust itself," Maloney said, "results may come quickly and there is every reason to believe that within the next two weeks all factions will come to an agreement."

Hugh F. Taylor, president of the Scottish-American Republican Club, just before the close of the meeting introduced a resolution similar to that adopted by his organization urging Harry L. Davis and Minor G. Norton to withdraw as candidates for mayor in the interest of party harmony and Republican success and requesting William H. Boyd to become a candidate. Without debate President John Braschwitz, of the league, referred the resolution to the committees on reconciliation and political action.

Storm Is Aroused.

A storm broke, however, when Francis C. Brady moved that the league recommend the league's secretary, Wm. C. Mangan, for election as municipal court clerk. The motion carried, after it was explained that a recommendation was not an endorsement. Vigorous opposition, however, was subsequently voiced to the action, on the ground that it was not fair to Earl Foster and Fred Kohler, members of Republican clubs affiliated with the league but not delegates, both of whom are candidates for the same office. An effort was made but did not prevail to let the conciliation committee take up the municipal court clerkship matter with the mayoralty situation.

J. C. Heald, a lawyer whom it later developed was not a delegate, obtained recognition and urged the league to make the movement for a referendum on the Barber and C. and Y. grants a Republican party measure. He said they were a political issue. Councilmen Bernstein and Gahn, while admitting that the grants were not a political issue now said they might become so, and urged the delegates to circulate petitions for a referendum vote on the franchise. D. O. Marsh said he objected to the Republican party being put on record against an improvement that would cost $15,000,000 or $20,000,000 and give employment to thousands of Cleveland workingmen. Before other opponents of a referendum vote on the grants, who tried to get the floor, had opportunity to speak a motion was carried commending the Republican councilmen and a motion to adjourn ended the session.

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George T. Oliver, of Pittsburg, United States senator from Pennsylvania, may be one of the speakers at the Republican rally to be held August 14 at Euclid Beach by the Cuyahoga County League of Republican Clubs. A letter to the league received yesterday from Mr. Oliver's secretary, acknowledging receipt of the invitation to the rally, said he senator was on a vacation trip east but if he returned home before the date for the outing he would come to Cleveland and speak at the rally.

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Letters bearing the name of Harry L. Davis and addressed to persons supposed to be friendly to his candidacy for mayor have been forwarded to Democratic headquarters by some of the recipients. The letters say Davis' nominating petitions containing 10,000 names have been filed with the election board, but that the writer wants several thousand more signatures. Each letter is accompanied by a blank nominating petition which Davis asks the recipient to circulate for signatures.

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Louis Brueggeman, 2034 W. 93rd st., announced yesterday that he would be a candidate for assessor in the first ward. He is the first Republican in the ward to seek this office. Candidates for assessors who obtained nominating petitions from the election board yesterday were William H. Brady, 3409 W. 98th st., second ward; Joseph Martin, 2847 W. 14th st., seventh ward; Isadore Brown, 2566 E. 39th st., twelfth ward; Louis Miller, 2080 W. 30th st., fourth ward; J. K. Hurt, 7409 Dellenbaugh ave., twenty-second ward; W. J. Hilton, 1717 E. 55th st., twenty-second ward, and H. L. Schaefer, 1160 E. 91st st., twenty-third ward. Schaefer was for two years a member of the Ohio General Assembly.

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'RECOMMEND' STIRS REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

Wording of Motion in Aid of Mangan for Court Clerk Starts Row.

J. H. Schmidt is Candidate for South Newburg Mayor.

A motion to "recommend" Secretary William Mangan of the Cuyahoga County League of Republican Clubs for election as municipal court clerk over Candidates Fred Kohler and Earl Foster last night at a league meeting provoked discussion that threatened to disrupt the organization.

The use of the word "recommend" instead of "indorse" was employed by Delegate Francis Brady in putting the motion to get around a constitutional clause which is supposed to prevent indorsement of candidates by the league except under certain circumstances.

With the putting of the motion a dozen delegates sprang to their feet with protests and motions to include the other candidates in the consideration. But without recognizing any of them, President John Braschwitz put the question ending with:

"Any remarks—those in favor——"

A chorus of ayes and President Braschwitz declared the motion carried. Several delegates again sought the floor to protest, but were ruled out of order until Candidate Foster suggested the matter be referred to a committee. No action was taken on this, President Braschowitz maintaining the matter closed.

At the close of the meeting a communication was read from the Scottish-American Republican club, presented in the name of its president, Hugh F. Taylor, in the form of an indorsement putting the league on record for Attorney W. H. Boyd as a candidate for mayor. This was referred to the committee on political management whose chairman, Cornelius Maloney, earlier in the evening had made a report predicting immediate settlement of the question of a Republican candidate.

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Exhibitors' League Frowns on Show Which is Up to State Censors.

Mayor and Benesch Object to Certain Realistic Scenes.

They brought the Chicago death film to Cleveland yesterday. Mayor Newton D. Baker and police officials approved parts of it at a private exhibition.

The film was shown at one theater and the Cleveland Motion Picture Exhibitors' league passed a resolution against it. The movie was halted, and is on the way to Columbus to be viewed by the Ohio motion picture censorship board.

Late yesterday afternoon and last night calls were coming in frequently from many northern Ohio towns and cities in which the Cleveland company had placed the film asking if it would be safe to show it since it did not carry the mark of approval of the Ohio board of censorship.

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Then the scene changed to a street nearby, choked with ambulances, and wagons hastily pressed into service, and all sorts of conveyances, waiting for loads.

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COUNTY FIGHTS ZANGERLE PLAN TO CUT BUDGET

Commissioners Will Urge Today That City's Appropriation Be Pared to Prevent Slashing of Figures.

County commissioners will oppose any attempt of the budget commission to approve figures, prepared yesterday by County Auditor Zangerle, which would give the county $425,000 less than has been asked for the 1915 appropriation. They will attend the meeting of the budget commission today to urge that the city's appropriation be cut to give the county more money.

Zangerle will recommend that the city be given an increase of $74,000; that the county's request for an additional $93,000 be refused and that the county be given $342,000 less than last year; that the library appropriation be increased $10,000 and that the board of education be given $12,000 less for operating expenses and $137,000 more for sinking fund purposes.

The city will insist on an increase of $2,747,000 instead of the $74,000 proposed increase. Mayor Baker said yesterday. The mayor, however, declared he would be unable to attend the budget commission's meeting today. Director of Finance Coughlin will represent the city.

"It would be cruel to make any reductions in the city's estimated budget of $8,493,000," Baker said.

Despite an increased duplicate and an increase of 2 cents in the city tax rate, Cleveland and the county cannot receive increased funds, the budget commissioners say. The increase in the city duplicate will amount to $19,000,000 or $20,000,000. County commissioners say the county was not given enough money last year to meet its requirements on account of failure to collect on the Rockefeller assessment which the federal court held illegal.

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STATION PARLEYS TO BE IN SECRET

Conference on Union Depot Behind Closed Doors Discusses "Purely Technical" Matters.

All meetings between city officials and railroad representatives on the new union depot proposition will be secret until "some action is taken," Mayor Baker declared yesterday.

The second conference on the proposed new ordinance calling for the exchange of lakefront land was held yesterday behind closed doors, as was the first, two weeks ago, between Mayor Baker and executive heads of the railroad. The meeting yesterday was participated in by Director of Law Stockwell and attorneys for the Lake Shore and Pennsylvania railroads.

It was announced to take place at Stockwell's office in the city hall, but was suddenly transferred to the offices of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey, Pennsylvania attorneys, in the Leader-News building.

"Purely technical," was the way in which Stockwell described the depot discussion. Another meeting will be held soon and then the proposed new ordinance will be put up to Mayor Baker and the railroad executives.

"The public has no interest in the conferences unless some definite action is taken," said Mayor Baker, when asked if the next meeting would be behind closed doors.

DITTRICK ASKS THAT CITY SELL GAS FOR AUTOS

Witt Denial Adds Cleveland Railway to List of Cut Rate Patrons.

Councilman Dittrick proposed Thursday the opening of a municipal gasoline filling station at Rockwell ave. and E. 3d st. as the sequel to the disclosure that city hall Democrats replenish their gasoline and oil supply at the E. 3d st. city garage and take advantage of the Standard Oil Company's cut rate to the city. Dittrick would have the city reap the benefit of the 21 per cent reduction on gasoline.

"I'm a city official, but when I buy gasoline I get it from a Standard Oil wagon and pay twelve cents," Dittrick declared. "For other city officials to fill at the city garage at 9 1-2 cents is decidedly unfair. The Standard keeps no record of private sales at the garage, consequently the blame falls on the city. What's needed is a city filling station where everyone will be treated alike."

Witt Makes Denial.

Tractioner Witt Wednesday denied that he has been driving his motor car to the city garage for city gasoline at the cut rate. His denial rather had the effect of adding the Cleveland Railway Company Thursday to the list of patrons of the city's cheaper gasoline.

"I bought a Ford car in 1912," Witt said. "This car was used in official business and this became so great through trackmen and other employees using it that I had not use of it myself. Gasoline for that car was purchased through the city.

"In 1913 I bought a car for the office. That car was used by Joseph Alexander, engineer in this office, and Patrick Costello, trackman. Gasoline for that car, it being a city car, was bought and is bought now, through the city and the bills sent to the Cleveland Railway Company.

Says He Pays Regular Rates.

"So far as my own car is concerned I have it filled at a station near my home and pay the regular price. When I bring my car down town I take it to the municipal garage and pay fifteen cents for storing it there."

"The car isn't Witt's, it's the railway company's" said Paul Wilson, President J. J. Stanley's secretary. "We bought it for the commissioner's office two years ago and the Standard bills us direct for the gasoline."

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The city will have to worry through the next year on $5,820,000 instead of $8,320,000 which Mayor Baker originally asked of the county budget commission. Thursday, after a stormy session at which Finance Director Coughlin fought against a cut in the appropriation, the commission granted the city $74,000 more than was given last year but refused to listen to Coughlin's plea for the $2,500,000 additional.

In order to allay Coughlin's cries of the city "being made the goat," the commission cut $205,000 from the appropriation asked by the county commissioners. Commissioner Menning protested, but finally agreed to accept the $2,917,000 the budget commission offered.

The commission gave the school board and library board the full amount they asked, $5,175,000, after Board Member Bushnell told them any cut would be suicidal for the schools.

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BELIEVE BOYD WON'T BE IN RACE

Republicans Make Deductions Following Davis Conference.

Party Chiefs Still Hope to Unite on Mayoralty Candidate.

The answer of William H. Boyd to the committee which has been urging him to be a candidate for the Republican mayoralty nomination will be no, as the result of a conference Mr. Boyd had yesterday afternoon with Harry L. Davis, avowed candidate.

This is the belief of leading Republican politicians who are anticipating Mr. Boyd's statement which will be given out tomorrow. The conference which he will hold with Miner G. Norton today will have little or no bearing on the situation, say the leaders.

Incidentally, remarks are made that the springing of the name of Mr. Boyd on the public did not meet with the response anticipated within the party. For days, it is declared, there has been a feeling on the part of some leaders that the enthusiasm was not sufficiently manifest to warrant applying pressure on the candidates already in the field to withdraw.

Party leaders, however, make it clear they have not abandoned all hope of uniting on a candidate. It was intimated that after a period of quietude, which may last up to September, there will be a move made to force a new compromise candidate and eliminate both Davis and Norton.

The conference between Mr. Davis and Mr. Boyd was of the latter's seeking. It was held in the office of Mr. Davis. The conference between Mr. Boyd and Mr. Norton today, if held at all, will be of Mr. Boyd's seeking. Mr. Boyd said he tried to meet Mr. Norton yesterday, but found him absent from his office.

There was no statement from any of the candidates beyond what previously had been issued. Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton declared they were in the race to stay.

A Republican outlined the statement which Mr. Boyd would make, however. It is to the effect that Mr. Boyd realized both Mr. Norton and Mr. Davis, friends of his, being in the race, would make it embarrassing for him at this time to be a candidate.

There is a story afloat that the baits which have been dangled in front of Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton to induce them to withdraw have been varied. The positions which were at the disposal of Gov. Frank B. Willis were not sufficient to attract them, it is reported.

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W. D. Gray, 7427 Goodwalt-av N. W., has taken out petitions for assessor in the third ward. Eli Durschlag of Brooklyn Heights has taken out petitions for justice of the peace there.

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The Twentieth Ward Republican club will meet on E. 88th-pl tonight at 8. All the precinct committeemen and members are requested to be present.

TAX SHORTAGE MAY CAUSE CUT IN MOTHERS' PAY

Pensions Among Items That Must Suffer as Result of Deficit.

SCHOOLS ALSO ARE HIT

Cut in Building Fund Means Bonds May Have to be Issued.

Altho Cleveland's tax rate next year probably will be raised from $1.51 to $1.56, funds for city welfare, mothers' pensions, school buildings, county bridges and road repair, indigent soldiers, and other purposes, will have to be slashed.

This was predicted Friday by County Auditor Zangerle and Edward Bushnell, chairman of the business management committee of school board, as the aftermath of a meeting of the budget commission Thursday.

Simultaneously Mayor Baker scored the failure of Taxers Salen and Ruhl to revalue downtown property in order to increase the 1915 duplicate.

Calls Increase Big.

Baker estimated the value of downtown property alone has increased $100,000,000 since the last appraisal. Salen and Ruhl increased the tax duplicate only $19,000,000, on the basis of new buildings, over the 1914 duplicate.

"I feel there will be sufficient tax revenue when property is put on the duplicate at its rightful value," said Baker.

The city will get only $74,000 more next year than last, according to tentative figures. The county will be cut $205,000, and the schools will get $12,000 less for building purposes.

"Curtailing the building fund means we must issue bonds for new buildings, or fail to relieve congestion in schools," said Bushnell.

Complaints against 1915 assessments will be heard by the new board of tax complaints next Monday.

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BELIEVE BOYD WON'T BE IN RACE

Republicans Make Deductions Following Davis Conference.

Party Chiefs Still Hope to Unite on Mayoralty Candidate.

The answer of William H. Boyd to the committee which has been urging him to be a candidate for the Republican mayoralty nomination will be no, as the result of a conference Mr. Boyd had yesterday afternoon with Harry L. Davis, avowed candidate.

This is the belief of leading Republican politicians who are anticipating Mr. Boyd's statement which will be given out tomorrow. The conference which he will hold with Miner G. Norton today will have little or no bearing on the situation, say the leaders.

Incidentally, remarks are made that the springing of the name of Mr. Boyd on the public did not meet with the response anticipated within the party. For days, it is declared, there has been a feeling on the part of some leaders that the enthusiasm was not sufficiently manifest to warrant applying pressure on the candidates already in the field to withdraw.

Party leaders, however, make it clear they have not abandoned all hope of uniting on a candidate. It was intimated that after a period of quietude, which may last up to September, there will be a move made to force a new compromise candidate and eliminate both Davis and Norton.

The conference between Mr. Davis and Mr. Boyd was of the latter's seeking. It was held in the office of Mr. Davis. The conference between Mr. Boyd and Mr. Norton today, if held at all, will be of Mr. Boyd's seeking. Mr. Boyd said he tried to meet Mr. Norton yesterday, but found him absent from his office.

There was no statement from any of the candidates beyond what previously had been issued. Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton declared they were in the race to stay.

A Republican outlined the statement which Mr. Boyd would make, however. It is to the effect that Mr. Boyd realized both Mr. Norton and Mr. Davis, friends of his, being in the race, would make it embarrassing for him at this time to be a candidate.

There is a story afloat that the baits which have been dangled in front of Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton to induce them to withdraw have been varied. The positions which were at the disposal of Gov. Frank B. Willis were not sufficient to attract them, it is reported.

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A meeting of the Ninth Ward Democratic club will be held tonight. Among the speakers will be Peter Henry, candidate for clerk of municipal courts; Sam Silbert, police prosecutor, and Councilman J. J. McGinty.

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A meeting of the Nineteenth Ward Republican club will be held tonight at 1084 Euclid-av, at which the question of selecting election officials will be considered. Before recommending any to the board of elections for the ward, the qualifications will be thoroughly gone into.

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W. D. Gray, 7427 Goodwalt-av N. W., has taken out petitions for assessor in the third ward. Eli Durschlag of Brooklyn Heights has taken out petitions for justice of the peace there.

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The Twentieth Ward Republican club will meet on E. 88th-pl tonight at 8. All the precinct committeemen and members are requested to be present.

TAX SHORTAGE MAY CAUSE CUT IN MOTHERS' PAY

Pensions Among Items That Must Suffer as Result of Deficit.

SCHOOLS ALSO ARE HIT

Cut in Building Fund Means Bonds May Have to be Issued.

Altho Cleveland's tax rate next year probably will be raised from $1.51 to $1.56, funds for city welfare, mothers' pensions, school buildings, county bridges and road repair, indigent soldiers, and other purposes, will have to be slashed.

This was predicted Friday by County Auditor Zangerle and Edward Bushnell, chairman of the business management committee of school board, as the aftermath of a meeting of the budget commission Thursday.

Simultaneously Mayor Baker scored the failure of Taxers Salen and Ruhl to revalue downtown property in order to increase the 1915 duplicate.

Calls Increase Big.

Baker estimated the value of downtown property alone has increased $100,000,000 since the last appraisal. Salen and Ruhl increased the tax duplicate only $19,000,000, on the basis of new buildings, over the 1914 duplicate.

"I feel there will be sufficient tax revenue when property is put on the duplicate at its rightful value," said Baker.

The city will get only $74,000 more next year than last, according to tentative figures. The county will be cut $205,000, and the schools will get $12,000 less for building purposes.

"Curtailing the building fund means we must issue bonds for new buildings, or fail to relieve congestion in schools," said Bushnell.

Complaints against 1915 assessments will be heard by the new board of tax complaints next Monday.

SCIENCE TO MAKE CITY FARM PAY

Intensive Agriculture to be Established Next Year.

The city is going into the business of scientific farming at Warrensville next year.

Dr. Harris B. Cooley, welfare director; Mayor Baker, Charities Commissioner Winans and farm employes are studying every treatise on scientific farm development they can find. And they're already testing different fertilizers.

"Ten years from now, experts and students all over the country will come here to inspect our system," was Dr. Cooley's prediction Friday. "From now on the farm will become more productive and a greater source of revenue."

Here's how the 1000 acres are used this year:

At the correction farm: 32 acres, wheat; 187 acres, oats; 45 acres, corn; 43 acres, potatoes; 250 acres, hay; 20 acres, garden, and 5 acres, alfalfa.

At infirmary farm: 80 acres, oats; 120 acres, hay; 50 acres, potatoes; 45 acres, corn; 8 acres, wheat; 15 acres, garden; 10 acres, rye; 4 acres, beets; 5 acres sweet corn; 17 acres, peas, and 6 acres, alfalfa.

At the tuberculosis sanitarium farm, about 85 acres are under development, principally in oats, potatoes, hay, corn and wheat.

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George E. Whitehouse, whom seventeenth ward Republicans at an open meeting Thursday night endorsed as a candidate for councilman, began the circulation of nominating petitions yesterday.

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A. H. Wolf yesterday began circulating nominating petitions as a candidate for mayor of Bay village.

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The resolutions of condole[illegible] transmitted to the family b[illegible] members, many of whom w[illegible] of the former councilman.

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Press. July 31

NEXT MAYOR TO FACE PROBLEM

Budget Deficit to Make Financial End Difficult.

Failure of Taxers Salen and Ruhl materially to increase the new tax duplicate will force Cleveland's next mayor to cut the cost of running the city by $400,000, or increase the operation deficit by that sum next year.

This was shown Saturday in these figures issued by Finance Director Coughlin:

City's estimated 1916 receipts, $5,500,000.

Estimated cost of 1915 operations, $5,900,000.

Coughlin figures the city's operation deficit at the close of 1915 will be $1,500,000. If the new mayor runs the city next year at this year's cost, he'll have to boost the operation deficit accordingly.

Taxer Salen, whose mayoralty petitions are out, will face the financial problem created by himself and Ruhl, in the event he wins.

Salen Saturday refused to say whether he's going to run for mayor.

"I wouldn't stop present city activities to meet the revenue deficit, but I'd cut the cost of running them," said Harry L. Davis, republican candidate.

Miner G. Norton, another candidate, said Saturday he didn't have time to discuss the problem. Peter Witt, democratic candidate, said he'll discuss it later.

William H. Boyd, who may enter the mayoralty race, said Saturday he is not ready to talk.

News Sat. July 31.

BOYD TOO BUSY, NO REPLY YET

Attorney William H. Boyd was too busy Saturday to give his decision to the Scottish-American Republican Club on whether he will become a mayoralty candidate. His answer probably will not be given until next week, Boyd said.

"Business matters have occupied my attention so much that I have had no time to reach a decision whether I will become a candidate," Boyd said. "In the meantime any guesses or prophecies as to my intentions are without foundation."

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BOYD WON'T MAKE STAND KNOWN YET

'I May Decide in a Week or in a Month,' He Says in Statement.

Ruhl is Discussed for Post on Common Pleas or Appellate Bench.

Plenty of time will be taken by William H. Boyd to consider all phases of the mayoralty situation before he makes up his mind whether he will be a candidate. His reply, which was expected to be either yes or no, was given out yesterday afternoon. He is now heeding the requests of the various Republican clubs of the city, he says, and will make known his position later.

The statement follows:

My attention has been called to the efforts of the League of Republican Clubs through its conciliation committee to secure united action in connection with the mayoralty situation. I am in entire sympathy with those efforts and believe this committee can work out a satisfactory result.

In deference to their efforts I have, after consultation with members of the various committees of organizations that have called on me, concluded to postpone the time of arriving at my conclusion.

Any speculation as to what my ultimate decision will be is idle, as I have not told any one, nor will I tell anyone, what it will be until it is finally communicated to the committees of the organization who have waited on me.

"There is nearly two months before the campaign would start in any event, so there will be plenty of time for me to make up my mind," said Mr. Boyd. "I may have a statement in a week or in a month."

It is generally understood that the time limit set for his reply is one week more. After that there will be an altogether different deal with a new compromise candidate, if one is needed.

In the meantime there are some rumors emanating from close to representatives of the state administration which are proving startling. The desire of Gov. Frank P. Willis to have a single candidate agreed upon is well known and is to a great degree responsible for the present situation.

It was said yesterday possibly there might not be a new compromise candidate put forth. The fact that Miner G. Norton is developing unexpected strength might in itself put another phase on the situation.

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Friends of Deputy Tax Commissioner James B. Ruhl are talking of him for either the common pleas or the appellate bench a year from this fall. The body of which Mr. Ruhl is a member goes out of existence next January and it is declared that he would be by no means loath to accept the nomination for one or the other bench.

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County Clerk Edmund B. Haserodt yesterday announced he will go to Columbus tomorrow to file with the secretary of state petitions containing 6,061 names to secure a referendum on the constitutional amendment extending the terms of county officials from two to four years.

It requires 113,000 signatures to put the question on the ballot. In the middle of the week Clerk Haserodt learned that 107,000 signers had been secured. He got the 6,000 signatures to make up the necessary number.

Leader Tuesday Aug. 3.

LUSTIG FIGHTS PLAN TO REFER SPRAGUE LAW

Discourages Circulation of Petitions Sent From Columbus to Obtain Vote on Redistricting Bill.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

A wet blanket was thrown on the movement for a referendum vote on the Sprague Congressional redistricting law at the last meeting of the Second Ward Jackson Club.

State Representative Joseph Lustig, addressing the club, discouraged the circulation of the petitions sent from Columbus by Democratic State Chairman Finley to the Cleveland Democratic organization for signatures. Lustig in the legislature voted against the the Sprague bill for partisan reasons, he explained, but he urged the Democrats neither to circulate nor sign petitions asking for a referendum election.

"When the Democrats were in power two years ago," Lustig said, "we redistricted the state for Congressional purposes. The Republicans took their medicine and didn't squeal over our gerrymander and we shouldn't squeal when they turn the tables on us. I am opposed to the use of the referendum for purely political purposes."

Lustig has decided, he says, to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress next year in the twentieth district against Congressman William Gordon. Under the Democratic gerrymander the district was made heavily Democratic. Under the Sprague law the district is regarded as Republican by a small margin under normal political conditions. Lustig says he isn't afraid to make the race with the district close.

Last year he broke the legislative slate of Mayor Baker at the Democratic primaries and was nominated for state representative despite the combined opposition of the local Democratic organization and Mayo Fesler's "jitney bulletin," which recommended the machine-slated candidates.

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Circulation of petitions asking that the name of William H. Boyd be placed on the election ballot as a candidate for mayor was begun last night. Hugh F. Taylor, president of the Union Wire and Iron Company, 628 Long ave., had the petitions printed, and more than twenty-five of them were given to men who volunteered to circulate them.

Mr. Taylor said last night that many more of the blank petitions would be sent from his office today to persons who have offered to seek signatures.

The petition campaign for Boyd will be conducted from the office of Mr. Taylor, who is president of the Scottish-American Republican Club.

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At a conference yesterday of the advisory committee of Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, arrangements were made to hold a meeting of ward leaders in the office of George B. Harris, 1101 Engineers building, Friday night.

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Petitions are in circulation asking that the name of Jacob Dahler, superintendent of Monroe street cemetery, be placed on the election ballot as a candidate for councilman from the fourth ward.

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Nominating petitions were obtained from the election board yesterday by the following candidates for tax assessors: Patrick Joyce, 1368 W. 58th st., third ward; S. W. Morrison, 1558 Rosewood ave., second ward, Lakewood; Morris L. Horwitz, 6219 Hawthorne ave., eighteenth ward, and Clarence P. Conley, 4157 E. 95th st., fifteenth ward. L. P. Marshall obtained petitions as a candidate for justice of the peace in Euclid township.

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Republican precinct committeemen of the twenty-second ward unanimously indorsed Rudolph Spilburg, 7018 Zoeter ave., candidate for council last night at a meeting at the home of Herbert H. Uthofs, 1602 E. 70th st.

Plain Dealer
Thursday Aug. 5.

CAN'T GIVE CHOICE FOR MAYOR RACE

Republicans Not to Express Sentiments at League's Beach Outing.

Fate of County License Boards Up to Willis for Month.

Republicans will not be given a chance to express themselves as to their choice for mayor at the League of Republican Clubs' outing at Euclid Beach, Aug. 14. This was decided Tuesday night by the league campaign committee after Chairman Cornelius Maloney had put the question to vote.

Harry L. Davis and William H. Boyd, mayoralty candidates, expressed themselves as not opposed to the proposition if a straight vote could be cast. Miner G. Norton said he didn't "think anything of it."

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Whether Edward W. Horne, member of the Cuyahoga county liquor license board, and A. J. Kennel, clerk, will remain in office between Aug. 11 and Sept. 11, depends on Gov. Frank B. Willis. The governor gains control of the state board for that period, until the new law goes into effect.

Gov. Willis has the power to appoint successors in every county to Republican and Progressive members of county boards, for the thirty days, after which the county officials will select the license boards for districts.

John Krause, Democratic member, was appointed for a four-year term. It is generally conceded that in Cuyahoga county the present board and clerk will be reappointed Sept. 9.

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At the regular meeting of the Sixteenth Ward Baker club last night, James Donahue, 3463 E. 93d-st, was indorsed for assessor. It was decided to open the ward campaign at the next meeting of the club. Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, will be invited to make an address.

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The indorsement meeting for John M. Sulzmann as Democratic candidate for councilman in the twenty-first ward, will be held at White Eagle hall, Hoffman-av N. E. and E. 84th-st, tonight. The speakers will be Peter Witt, Peter Henry, E. B. Haserodt, and Councilman John Durkin.

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A meeting of the Sixteenth Ward Willis Republican club will be held tomorrow night in Ivan's hall, E. 92d-st and Buckeye-rd N. E. Organization for the campaign will be effected.

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J. J. Adams, president of the Sixteenth Ward Willis Republican club, was selected as marshal of the day for the League of Republican Clubs' outing in place of the late Louis Stevenson. He asks that each club of the league send to him at the log cabin, Euclid Beach, the names of five members who will act as ushers during the day.

Leader
Friday Aug. 6.

SUBWAY TUBES FOR NEW BRIDGE URGED AT ONCE

Immediate construction of three subway approaches to the new high level bridge were recommended as the only feasible means of relieving prospective traffic congestion by business men and city and county officials at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. The proposed tubes are to care for street car traffic only.

In outlining plans for the subways and explaining the outlook for traffic, County Engineer Stinchcomb declared work on the westerly end could proceed no further until the traffic problem was settled. A month more of work on the easterly end will bring the same condition, he declared. He asked for definite action immediately.

Total Cost $2,200,000.

The total cost of building the tunnels, which would extend from the eastern end to the Public Square and from the western terminus to W. 29th st., on Detroit ave., and Franklin ave., on W. 25th st., would be $2,200,000, Stinchcomb estimated. Of this sum $700,000 would be spent in acquiring necessary West Side land.

A 4 per cent bond issue for the amount required was suggested as a means of financing the project, the city and county to share the expense equally. The Street Railway Company is willing to finance the subways or bear its burden of the expense in rental, President Stanley of the company, said.

"City Can Give Little Aid."

Mayor Baker held that the financing problem must control all other factors in the matter. He declared the county could expect little assistance from the city in the project because of the latter's bankrupt condition. He strongly opposed the plan for a park at the westerly approach.

The meeting was attended by members of the art and architecture committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the city planning commission and city and county officials.

H. W. S. Wood, representing the Chamber of Industry, suggested the appropriation of property 650 feet west from the bridge approach, to be parked between Detroit and Vermont aves., and the separation of automobile and light vehicle traffic by the use of the old Superior viaduct, deflected to approach by way of Vermont ave. He maintained property owners will oppose the subway idea because of damage to buildings.

Sees Other Hazards.

Extremely difficult grades on both the west and east approaches were explained by Stinchcomb as additional traffic hazards. As at present outlined, he said, the east side narrows down to twenty-foot roadways on either side of a forty-five-foot well and emerging at a junction with traffic from W. 9th st., Superior hill and Columbus rd. hill. A subway to the Square and deflection of the old viaduct to St. Clair ave. will relieve all this, he said.

Opening of a dead end street and razing of several old buildings will permit termination of the boulevard chain at the westerly throat of the bridge, Stinchcomb declared, thus detouring automoble traffic. No grade on the new bridge will be less than 3 per cent, more than at any point on the old viaduct, and for this reason, he pointed out, the old structure should continue in use.

REPUBLICANS IN 5TH TO DISCUSS MAYORAL UNITY

Club, Heretofore Neutral, May Ask Present Aspirants to Withdraw in Interests of One Candidate.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Fifth ward Republicans will discuss the Cleveland mayoralty situation at a meeting of their club to be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the hall at 2818 W. 25th st. The Fifth Ward Club has maintained a neutral attitude with respect to the Republicans who are avowed aspirants for the office of city executive.

At the meeting Sunday, however, it will consider the advisability of taking action similar to that of the Scottish-American and Brooklyn Republican clubs, asking Republican candidates now in the race to withdraw in the interest of party harmony and success, and urging that the Republicans unite upon one man to support at the polls. The Fifth Ward Club has declined to this time to indorse any candidate for mayor, and its members give no hint that they will make an indorsement Sunday.

Among the speakers at the meeting will be William J. Mangan, candidate for municipal court clerk; Louis Simon and William J. Delaney. The last named, several weeks ago, was selected by the Republicans of the fifth ward to make the race for councilman.

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A fifth candidate for mayor of Cleveland entered the lists yesterday when C. E. Ruthenberg, 8606 Clark ave., filed petitions with the election board signed by 3,500 voters, asking that his name be placed on the municipal election ballot. Ruthenberg is the Socialist party leader in Cleveland and will make the race on a Socialistic platform.

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Plans for ward organizations in behalf of the candidacy of Harry L. Davis for mayor are to be laid before ward leaders who attend a meeting to be held tonight in the office of George B. Harris in the Engineers building. The meeting was called by Davis' advisory committee.

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Mrs. Virginia D. Green is the first candidate in the field for election to the board of education. She is a member of the present school board. Petitions asking that her name be placed on the nonpartisan election ballot are being circulated.

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Petitions as candidates for assessors were obtained from the election board yesterday by Louis Zepp, 3218 Vega ave., fifth ward, and Julius J. Bergholz, 2017 W. 50th st., fourth ward.

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SEE VITAL FAULTS IN VIADUCT PLANS

Chamber Members Learn High Level Bridge Terminals Demand Subways.

Changes to Prevent Traffic Congestion Would Cost $1,500,000.

That mistakes in the plans for the terminals of the new Superior-Detroit high level viaduct have been made; that it will cost perhaps $1,500,000 to correct them, and that now is the time to make the necessary changes in order to take care of the East Side and West Side traffic, were points given prominence at a luncheon of the committee on art and architecture of the Chamber of Commerce, held in the chamber library yesterday.

Two plans for making the changes were presented, one by County Engineer W. A. Stinchcomb and the other by H. W. S. Wood of the Chamber of Industry.

Mr. Stinchcomb's plan would continue the subways at the west end of the bridge, running one south on W. 25th-st to a point between Church and Franklin-avs N. W., where the cars would come to the street surface, and running the other subway west on Detroit-av N. W., to near W. 29th-st, there bringing the cars to the street level. The wagon and pedestrian traffic ways would be continued to these points, and a driveway would be run north on W. 25th-st from the end of the bridge to the end of Bulkley boulevard N. W.

Mr. Woods' plan would have the cars come to the surface at the ends of the bridge as in the present plans, but would provide a fill-in and driveway on the north side of the west end of the bridge shunting wagon, auto and pedestrian traffic to Vermont-av N. W. and an extension of W. 26th-st, at which point traffic for points south would turn south, cross the tracks at Detroit-av and make its way back to W. 25th-st.

Most of the members of the committee favored Mr. Stinchcomb's plan.

As a solution of the problem at the east end of the bridge the sentiment appeared to be entirely in support of a subway that would carry the cars to the Public square. This proposition received the support of President J. J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. and of Peter Witt, street railroad commissioner.

Munson Havens, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, asked whether the railway company would favor the building of such a subway by the city, and its rental by the railway company on a basis of 4 per cent., against its being built by the company on a 6 per cent. basis. Mr. Stanley thought the company would favor the former plan.

Mr. Witt pointed out that the money to be saved in street car men's wages by the rapid transit provided would make up the interest on the investment.

Mayor Baker favored extending the subways at both ends of the bridge and said he is not in favor of Mr. Woods' plan. He also favored extending the present Superior viaduct to St. Clair-av N. W.

Morris A. Black presided at the meeting. Other members of the committee present were: William A. Bohnard, J. W. Frazier, B. S. Hubbell, G. W. Kinney, A. C. Klumph, F. C. Osborn, William R. Powell, L. H. Treadway, F. A. Whiting, C. W. Hopkinson, Abram Garfield, F. R. Walker and D. Z. Norton. Others present were: Mayor Newton D. Baker, W. A. Stinchcomb, Peter Witt, John J. Stanley, Robert Hoffman, Munson Havens, F. T. Andrews, Pierce D. Metzger, O. P. Van Swearingen, H. M. Farnsworth, H. W. S. Wood, Rev. Francis T. Moran, A. E. Hyre, F. W. Striebinger, F. C. Newcomer, L. A. Moses and R. H. Lee.

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PETER WITT OPENS MAYORALTY FIGHT

Democratic Candidate Talks of Home Rule and Tax Duties.

J. M. Sulzmann Indorsed for Council in Twenty-First Ward.

Peter Witt, Democrat, candidate for mayor, in his first speech of the campaign talked taxes to the members of the Twenty-first Ward Democratic club last night, explaining the conditions which existed under the home rule charter and the duties in the levying of taxes. The meeting was held at White Eagle hall, Hoffman-av N. E. and E. 84th-st.

John M. Sulzmann was indorsed for councilman in the ward in place of the incumbent, John Durkin, who declined a second term. Mr. Durkin, with Peter J. Henry, municipal court judge, was a speaker.

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The announcement was made at Democratic headquarters yesterday that there would be no interference in any way in the villages of the county on the mayoralty contests. Some of them have warmed up considerably.

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At the board of elections yesterday petitions were taken out as follows:

W. J. Siflect, Brook Park, mayor; R. C. Henderson, Chagrin Falls, marshal; Henry H. Jahn, Brooklyn township, justice of the peace; Frank E. Hanousek, 4507 Gamma-av, Newburg Heights, justice of the peace.

The aspirants for assessorships who registered included:

H. A. Walkemyer, 2042 W. 30th-st, fourth ward; Ernest A. Heinz, 3011 Ruby-av S. W., sixth ward; Charles Carwood, 8911 Kenmore-av N. E., twentieth ward; John J. Kilbane, 1567 Dexter-pl N. W., eighth ward; Harold R. Taylor, 10205 Miles-av S. E., fifteenth ward; Louis Zepp, 3218 Vega-av S. W., fifth ward; Julius J. Bergholz, 2017 W. 50th-st, fourth ward; John R. Olderman, 8324 Lorain-av, first ward.

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So far Chief Justice William H. McGannon of the municipal bench has no opposition for re-election and may not have. The number of candidates for the ten municipal judges steadily is increasing.

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Henry W. Wolf, secretary of the Tenth Ward Republican club, has announced a meeting for tonight to discuss a councilmanic candidate for the ward.

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WANTS COUNTY AID ON SUBWAYS

Mayor Says City Can't Afford to Handle Project.

Mayor Baker said Friday the county should help build subways for street cars at the ends of the new high level bridge.

The subways would cost $1,500,000 to build, and necessary land about $700,000.

"I would hesitate to put a bond issue of that size up to the people for building of the subways by the city alone," said Baker.

A meeting of city, county and chamber of commerce officials will be held next week.

At a meeting Thursday sentiment was unanimous for running street cars by subway from the Public square to the east end of the bridge, leaving the surface free for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. County Engineer Stinchcomb suggested deflecting the old viaduct approach to St. Clair-av, to relieve congestion further.

Two plans have been presented for traffic at the west end.

Stinchcomb would build two subways for street cars; one from the west end of the bridge under Detroit-av to near W. 29th-st; the other from the west end of the bridge under W. 25th-st to a point between Church-av and Franklin-av.

H. S. W. Woods, of the chamber of industry, would have cars run on the surface at the bridge approaches, but he would shunt vehicle traffic northward to Vermont-av and an extension of W. 26th-st, where traffic could turn south, crossing the tracks at Detroit-av and making its way back to W. 25th-st.

PLAN CONFERENCE ON NEW DEPOT ORDINANCE

The final conference to consider the union depot ordinance probably will be held Aug. 12, Mayor Baker announced Friday.

The ordinance was whipped into final legal shape for the conference at a meeting late Thursday, in the office of attorney Andrew Squire, counsel for the Pennsylvania company.

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CITY PAYS FOR OUTSIDE ROADS

Money Needed Here Goes to County and State.

"If Cleveland got its fair proportion of money that now goes to the state and county roads, the city would have sufficient funds to repair bad pavements."

Mayor Baker made that statement Friday in urging that state taxation laws be changed to give Cleveland more revenue for improving streets.

Figures given out by the Cleveland automobile club show that Cleveland taxpayers yearly contribute $415,000 to the county road fund and $407,000 to the state road fund. Not one penny of these two sums is spent on the city's streets.

"It's a shame Cleveland taxpayers have to give more than $800,000 a year for roads outside of Cleveland, and then see their own poor pavements neglected for want of funds," said A. S. Taylor, chairman of the auto club's street committee.

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'PARTNERS LEAVE, BOYD WON'T RUN'

Such is Opinion of Knowing Ones When Attorneys Take Vacations.

Ward Leaders Meet and Consider Plan for Davis Campaign.

The departure of both law partners of William H. Boyd for more or less lengthy vacations is pointed out by observers of the situation as conclusive evidence that Mr. Boyd will not be a candidate for mayor. J. C. Brooks has been on a northern fishing trip for some time and yesterday D. C. Westenhaver left with his family for a California trip.

"It wouldn't be likely that they would go away with Mr. Boyd even thinking of becoming a mayoralty candidate," said one Republican leader. "He has fully made up his mind on the subject."

Circulation of Boyd petitions by members of the Scottish-Republican club still continues, but this is not considered significant.

A clinching argument against any possible compromise on the Republican mayoralty situation was the meeting of ward leaders for Harry L. Davis at the office of Klein & Harris, Society for Savings building, last night. George B. Harris, chairman of the Republican county executive committee which has already indorsed Mr. Davis, presided. Nearly fifty Republicans considered plans of the campaign.

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"Some of the fellows" down state, supposed to be most vitally interested in the referendum on the Sprague gerrymander law, will be greatly surprised with the showing of Cuyahoga county on the signing of petitions. When the petitions come in to Secretary Tom Brannon of the Cuyahoga county Democratic committee Aug. 15, they will show, it is believed, 6,000 names—more than was expected of this county.

W. L. Finley, chairman of the Democratic state executive committee, writing to Secretary Brannon, said that "some of the fellows" who were most interested in the referendum on the bill are doing the least to promote it.

The gerrymander law affects the state at large, giving the Democrats but three out of twenty-one congressmen, while in the past a gerrymander of the state has allowed the minority party not fewer than six. However, Cuyahoga county is not affected by the new law to any degree.

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Last night was a night of ward meetings among Republicans and Democrats. The Democrats held a meeting in the tenth ward. The Republicans of the nineteenth ward met at the D. K. E. hall, Cornell-rd S. E. The Tenth Ward Republican club met at 3227 Superior-av N. E. The Sixteenth Ward Willis club met in Ivan's hall, E. 92d-st and Buckeye-rd S. E. The First Ward Republican club met at 8700 Lorain-av. A big meeting of Republicans of the twentieth ward also was held.

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Petitions for William G. Tack, 3079 E. 79th-st, for re-election as councilman in the nineteenth ward, were filed filed yesterday with the board of elections.

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Peter M. Beumers, 1947 W. 52d-st, Democratic organization candidate for assessor in the third ward, yesterday took out petitions at the board of elections.

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The Seventh Ward Slovak Independent club met last night and indorsed James J. Hogan, 1606 Castle-av S. W., Democratic organization candidate for council in that ward.

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BALLARD OFFERS TO QUIT CITY JOB

Lighting Commissioner Willing to be Cleveland's Consulting Engineer.

Mayor Baker Not in Favor of Plan—Fight Led by Republicans.

Lighting Commissioner F. W. Ballard has told Mayor Newton D. Baker that he is ready to resign his $7,000 position and enter into a contract with the city as consulting engineer for the municipal lighting department upon terms that would secure his services for the city at a lower figure than $7,000.

An interview with Mayor Baker some time ago was made public yesterday by Mr. Ballard on learning that Republican members of council are preparing to demand that he resign because he is accepting outside contracts as consulting engineer for cities that are preparing to build light plants.

Commissioner Ballard has entered into a contract with the city of Kalamazoo, Mich., on a basis of 7 per cent. of the cost of the proposed addition to the Kalamazoo plant. The charge for his services as engineer and operating expert will amount to about $22,000. If the city of New Orleans finally decides to erect a $6,000,000 plant, Mr. Ballard's charge on the same basis would amount to $420,000.

"I have told Mr. Baker that under present conditions I do not believe there is any necessity for remaining in my present position," said Mr. Ballard yesterday. "I have accomplished what I have set out to do. The Cleveland plant is a success and will be used as a model for plants to be erected by other cities.

"I will remain in Cleveland and open an office. It was my suggestion to the mayor that I be retained by the city in consulting capacity. I would be here at regular intervals and I could attend to the work I am doing now. If the city should take over the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. property or if it decided to enlarge its own plant there would be reason for my remaining as commissioner, but under present conditions it is not necessary."

300 PETITIONS CIRCULATED IN BOOM FOR BOYD

"They Are Being Generously Signed," Says President of Scottish-American Club; 85 After 26 Tax Jobs.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Three hundred petitions asking that the name of William H. Boyd be placed on the municipal ballot as a candidate for mayor are being circulated for signatures, Hugh F. Taylor, president of the Scottish-American Republican Club, declared last night. Taylor, who has charge of the petitions which were put into circulation, says they are being so generously signed that there is a growing demand for Boyd to enter the race, whether Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton persist in their refusal to comply with the request of the Scottish-American and Brooklyn Republican clubs that they withdraw in the interest of party harmony and success.

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Eighty-five Clevelanders are after the twenty-six assessorship jobs that are to be filled by the voters of the city at the November election. The seven dozen candidates already in the race are circulating nominating petitions to get their names on the election ballot, and a month remains for others to enter the lists. The assessors elected will receive $3 a day for about two months next spring. Five candidates obtained nominating petitions yesterday from the board of elections: Peter M. Beumerz, 1947 W. 52nd st., third ward; Joseph T. McEntee, 7805 Elton ave., third ward; H. J. Hollander, 2243 E. 73d st., eighteenth ward; John Butterfield, 2520 Hamilton avenue., tenth ward, and Henry J. Remartz, 1564 E. 38th st., tenth ward. Patrick Kelly, third ward Democratic leader, escorted Beumerz to Democratic headquarters in the Engineers building and then to the election board. Kelly announced that Beumerz was the Democratic organization candidate, although several other Democrats from the third ward are after the job.

H. A. Walkemeyer, 2042 W. 30th st., has announced his candidacy for assessor in the fourth ward.

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James J. Hogan, Democratic organization candidate for councilman from the seventh ward, was indorsed by the Slovak Independent Club, of that ward, last night.

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Cards stating that Dr. Emil Leihenseder, of the Phoenix apartments, E. 37th st. and Woodland ave., was a candidate for councilman have been distributed among the voters of the twelfth ward. Dr. Leihenseder said yesterday he did not know whether the cards were distributed by a would-be funny friend or enemy, since he was not a candidate for any office.

BALLARD READY TO QUIT CITY JOB

Lighting Commissioner Offers Services in Consulting Capacity.

Lighting Commissioner Ballard is ready to resign his $7,000 a year position as head of the municipal light plant. Announcement of a conference between Mayor Baker and Ballard, at which the latter told Baker he believed he could serve the city as consulting engineer, was made at the city hall yesterday. It followed the declaration by minority council members that they would seek to have Ballard ousted because of his acceptance of work in other cities.

Ballard recently contracted with Kalamazoo, Mich., for the erection of a municipal lighting plant there, and is being considered by New Orleans, which contemplates the erection of a $6,000,000 plant.

Questions regarding his attitude toward resigning found the lighting commissioner in an uncommunicative mood last night. His answer to all was: "I will not discuss that."

Mayor Baker has indicated his desire to have Ballard remain in office, although Cleveland's illuminating plant is completed and appears on the city's schedule as an asset.

Ballard's plans as discussed yesterday contemplated the opening of an office here so as to retain his connection with the city in a consulting capacity, but whether at his present salary of $7,000 a year was not stated.

Ballard's Kalamazoo contract is said to be on a 7 per cent basis of the total cost and on those figures will net him about $22,000 as engineering and operating expert. The New Orleans job on this estimate would mean nearly half a million to the commissioner.

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BAKER WOULD KEEP BALLARD DESPITE FIGHT

Mayor Baker declared Saturday that he favors retaining Lighting Commissioner Ballard even though Ballard himself admits his work here is completed and the only future for him in the city's service depends on the city purchasing the Illuminating company or enlarging the E. 53d st. plant. While Ballard already has contracted to aid city lighting projects in New Orleans and Kalamazoo, Baker would have him spend his off time on the Cleveland plant.

City hall Saturday took Ballard's statement that he is through here and his offer to resign as an indication that he will step out of his $7,000 job as soon as prospects of continued consulting work materialize. Despite Baker's stand and Ballard's intention of resigning, Republican councilmen said Saturday they will fight to oust him when council convenes August 23.

The name of Charles G. Beckwith, $2,100 general service engineer, bobbed up as Ballard's successor. Beckwith was in charge of the Collinwood plant when the city took it over and later, during the Baehr administration, keyed the South Brooklyn plant up to the point where it made its first profit.

Maurice Sarbinsky, secretary to Utilities Director Stage, also has his lightning rod up. It is probable the $7,000 salary will be cut to about $3,000 and a civil service test held.

BAKER TO FIGHT FRESH ATTACK ON MUNY LIGHT

Mayor Says Effort to Oust Ballard is Renewal of Struggle.

Renewal of the fight waged against 3-cent light before Cleveland's muny light plant was begun was seen by Mayor Baker Saturday in demands that Light Commissioner Ballard resign.

"Those who want him to resign are the ones who never wanted him to begin," asserted Baker.

Backed by majority councilmen and Utilities Director Stage, Baker will fight to retain Ballard.

"Cleveland still needs Ballard," said Baker. "The fight is not over. Three-cent light is not yet city-wide."

Ballard has said repeatedly he is ready to resign when Cleveland feels his services are not needed.

But he promised Stage Saturday he would not play into the hands of muny light enemies by quitting before the city can spare him.

Fight Not Yet Won.

"Cleveland is my first consideration," said Ballard. "I could make more money by cutting loose, but I shall stay as long as I am needed."

Baker pointed out that while the muny light plant is operating successfully, the fight for 3-cent light is not won.

"Council has passed an ordinance fixing 3 cents as the maximum rate," he said. "The Illuminating company has taken an appeal to the state public utilities commission.

"Ballard will be needed at Columbus when that appeal comes up. Besides, the plant is not yet loaded to capacity. New engineering problems keep arising as customers are added. Some of these are difficult."

Baker, at Cincinnati Saturday, was to tell the Duckworth club of the success of 3-cent muny light in Cleveland.

FACTIONS BATTLE AFTER WILLIS VISIT

Presence of Governor Here Apparently Fails to Result in Harmony.

Republican Mayoralty Candidates Still Fight Compromise.

The visit of Gov. Frank B. Willis to Cleveland yesterday apparently did not contribute to the prospect of harmony among Republicans as to mayoralty candidates, despite the fact he met some members of the compromise candidate committee.

The governor arrived early, going to the office of James B. Ruhl in the Society for Savings building. There was no lack of visitors there when once it was known Mr. Willis was in the city.

Preceding his visit, Gov. Willis sent out a denial of the report he had expressed any preference in the matter of Republican mayoralty candidates.

Today a meeting will be held in the fifth ward to obtain indorsement for William H. Boyd. Incidentally the appearance of a call from Secretary M. V. Emerman of the Western Reserve club for a meeting Wednesday night for the purpose of "considering the proposed candidacy of William H. Boyd," is looked on as a trouble maker for those who seek a compromise candidate. Mr. Emerman is in the office of George B. Harris, leading lieutenant of Harry L. Davis. Frank A. Sarstedt is the president.

"The meeting is called for the purpose of causing more trouble," declared one enthusiastic Boyd man at Republican headquarters yesterday.

An attack is being made on the Davis organization by those who want both Republican candidates now in the race eliminated. It is contended that of the fifty who attended the meeting of Davis leaders Friday night, only nine were ward leaders. It was claimed that Miner G. Norton had fewer than that number in his organization and that the others wanted to see the harmonizing methods forced.

In the meantime, Mr. Davis is proceeding with his preliminary organization. He will address two meetings in the fourth ward, tomorrow night—the Fremont Republican club on Lorain-av near W. 59th-st, and the Fourth Ward Republican club on Lorain-av near W. 39th-st.

Tuesday night, Mr. Davis will meet with his lieutenants from the first, second and fourth wards in the office of Mr. Harris, Society for Savings building. He will continue meeting representatives of three wards each night until he has covered the entire city.

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"There will be no Cleveland speaker at the League of Republican Clubs' outing at Euclid Beach next Saturday," declared a Republican yesterday. "In the past the candidate to be supported was made the speaker. The factions are too far apart to attempt anything like that now."

Myron T. Herrick, considered a national and not a Cleveland speaker, and Congressman Ralph D. Cole of Findlay are announced as speakers. Senator George T. Oliver of Pennsylvania will be here if possible.

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The Tenth Ward Baker club will hold its annual outing at Meyers' lake, near Canton, today. A special train is scheduled to leave the Wheeling & Lake Erie station at 8:15 this morning, returning tonight.

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George E. Hagenbaugh, attorney, Leader-News building, has announced his candidacy for municipal judge.

BAKER WOULD HAVE OHIO EXECUTIVES ELECT AIDS

Mayor Tells Cincinnati Club Governor Should be Only Elective Official.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 7.—(Spl.)—Mayor Newton D. Baker of Cleveland, who was in Cincinnati today to deliver an address at the Duckworth club picnic, said he favored a re-organization of the state government. He would have no state officer but the governor elected, the chief executive to appoint all the other officials.

The legislature he would have a single branch body, and in session continuously, or at least, be so organized it could legislate at any time for any emergency.

"I do not say this plan would be perfect, or, perhaps, the right one, but it might be a step toward what we all desire, and that is better service from our public servants," said Mayor Baker.

The mayor said he had not changed his attitude with regard to the financial independence of municipalities.

Mayor Baker brought with him a recipe for making obstinate electric light companies reduce their rates. It consists of an electric light plant built and operated by the city, and competing with the privately-owned electric light company.

He said the people of Cleveland, with their municipal plant, pay 3 cents per kilowatt hour, while Cincinnati, with its privately-owned plant, pays 10 cents a kilowatt hour.

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MAY URGE G. O. P. GIVE 3-RING SHOW

Western Reserve Club Calls Meet to Consider Boyd as Third Candidate.

Old Political Fight Breaks Out Anew in Cleveland Heights.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

William H. Boyd for mayor, regardless of whether Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton withdraw, Mr. Boyd to run even if his entrance means three candidates of Republican extraction, may develop as the sentiment of the Western Reserve club at a meeting to be held Wednesday night in the club's headquarters, E. 55th-st, near Cedar-av S. E.

The possibility, voiced yesterday, indicated a belief that Mr. Boyd should enter the fight whether Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton continue as contenders. In discussions heretofore Mr. Boyd has been urged as the man to oppose Peter Witt, provided that the two avowed candidates could be persuaded to clear the way for him. But the Western Reserve club may decide to appeal to him to step forward anyway and disregard the presence of the other two in the field.

It isn't considered there is much chance for Mr. Boyd making such a move. He would like to run with the anti-administration forces united behind him, and not divided among themselves from the very start.

It is probable, however, there will be strong advocacy of Mr. Boyd's candidacy at the Western Reserve club meeting unless supporters of Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton manage to check it. Both have friends in the club. Officers of the club may think the time is not ripe for an indorsement, but an effort in Mr. Boyd's behalf will be made.

The meeting is called that members may discuss the Boyd possibility, the advisability of candidacy by the attorney in view of the stand taken by both the announced candidates that they will not withdraw, and the question of an indorsement.

Talk of Mr. Boyd running as a third opponent of Mr. Witt is another plain indication of the conclusion to which more Republicans are coming daily—that the chances of side-tracking Candidates Davis and Norton are mighty slim. Most Republicans also are inclined to believe that there is even a smaller chance of Mr. Boyd entering with the field as it is.

The Fifth Ward Republican club, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, postponed definite action on the mayoralty situation until after the League of Republican club's picnic to be held Saturday. Several members urged the need of a united backing of one candidate.

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Voters of Cleveland Heights village, visited yesterday by political delegations and [illegible]

PLAN BENEFIT CONCERT.

In the afternoon, a public celebration was held in Szalay Turn hall, 3919 Lorain-av. Rev. Mr. Muresan, honorary president of the society, was the principal speaker. Other addresses were made by representatives of Cleveland and out of-town Roumanian societies. Vocal selections were offered by the "Doina," Roumanian singing society. The exercises closed with a general entertainment and dance, following the presentation of a two-act historical drama, dealing with an episode of the Roumanian-Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78. Principal roles were filled by Johan Yoca, George Mares and John Slnea.

The committee in charge of the dedication was headed by George Capitanescu.

The society's officers are: Rev. Octavian Muresan, honorary president; Z. Rohat, president; A. Ghetia, vice president; George Mares, secretary; A. Criste, treasurer.

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5TH WARD CLUB DELAYS ACTION IN MAYOR RACE

G. O. P. Candidate Indorsement to Be Made Next Sunday, Hope Being Conciliation Committee Will Succeed.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Endorsement of a candidate for mayor was deferred by the Fifth Ward Republican Club yesterday until next Sunday, when every one of the 170 members will be urged to be present.

The situation was discussed yesterday but it was thought advisable to defer action in the hope that the conciliation committee of the Cuyahoga League of Republican Clubs would finish its work and report a plan whereby the Republicans would be united behind one candidate for mayor.

While the majority of those at yesterday's meeting of the fifth ward club expressed themselves in favor of endorsing a third candidate if both Minor G. Norton and Harry L. Davis refused to withdraw in the interest of party harmony, the club decided before endorsing anyone to ascertain the sentiment of the Republicans of the ward in so far as it could be found during the week.

In closing the discussion President Louis Spilker asked Ward Leader William Delaney to notify every club member to be present next Sunday. "Then," he added, "we will decide upon our candidate."

The club arranged for an outing at Nefil's grove, South Brooklyn, September 5. W. C. Mangan, candidate for municipal court clerk, Louis Simon and William Mylecraine addressed the club yesterday.

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MAYOR AGAINST DOGS WITHIN CITY

May Favor Act Prohibiting Animals From Running Wild in Streets.

Boys and Girls in East End Are Victims of Mad Brute.

"Dogs are an anachronism; the city is no place for them," said Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday.

The mayor had just heard that a mad dog had run wild on the East Side, severely biting two little girls and a boy. Dr. C. E. Ford, commissioner of health, was in Mr. Baker's office when word of what the dog had done reached the office.

Dr. Ford reminded the mayor thirty-three persons had been bitten by dogs in Cleveland in July. An ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large within the city limits may be introduced at the mayor's instigation.

"I like dogs, but I think they belong in the country," the mayor said.

Austa White, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle C. White, 1181 E. 114th-st; Robert Day, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Day, 1260 E. 114th-st, and Ruth French, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. French, 865 Lakeview-rd, N. E., were victims of the mad dog in the East End yesterday.

The dog first was noticed on Lakeview-rd when he killed a large maltese cat. After the attack on the cat the dog dashed down Superior-av, N. E., to E. 115th-st, where he pounced on Robert Day.

After biting the child several times on the arms the dog ran south on E. 114th-st. While playing in front of her home Austa White was attacked by the dog. The frenzied animal sank his teeth in the girl's right arm and tore flesh from her face and forehead.

Mr. White saw the attack on his daughter, but before he could get to her the dog fled. The child was taken to the office of Dr. Alleyne Baldwin, 11323 Superior-av, N. E., where seven stitches were necessary to close the wound on her face.

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The possibility, voiced yesterday, indicated a belief that Mr. Boyd should enter the fight whether Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton continue as contenders. In discussions heretofore Mr. Boyd has been urged as the man to oppose Peter Witt, provided that the two avowed candidates could be persuaded to clear the way for him. But the Western Reserve club may decide to appeal to him to step forward anyway and disregard the presence of the other two in the field.

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The meeting is called that members may discuss the Boyd possibility, the advisability of candidacy by the attorney in view of the stand taken by both the announced candidates that they will not withdraw, and the question of an indorsement.

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The five other councilmen—F. C. Becker, A. M. Corcoran, Robert F. Denison, A. W. Ellenberger, and J. W. Smith, are candidates to succeed themselves.

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According to Heights' residents, the contest has started the old fight. Mr. Scott has run for council twice before.

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Friends of Councilman John W. Reynolds declared that when he started in bathing canoes immediately put in for shore, but Mr. Reynolds protested indignantly this was because of a squall, and that his bulk did not cause the water to rise. Among Democrats who made the trip were Mr. Reynolds, Internal Revenue Collector H. H. Weiss, Municipal Court Clerk Peter J. Henry, Deputy Clerk J. Martin Thumm, Tom R. Brannon of democratic headquarters and Municipal Judge Maurice Bernstein.

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While the majority of those at yesterday's meeting of the fifth ward club expressed themselves in favor of endorsing a third candidate if both Minor G. Norton and Harry L. Davis refused to withdraw in the interest of party harmony, the club decided before endorsing anyone to ascertain the sentiment of the Republicans of the ward in so far as it could be found during the week.

In closing the discussion President Louis Spilker asked Ward Leader William Delaney to notify every club member to be present next Sunday. "Then," he added, "we will decide upon our candidate."

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MAYOR AGAINST DOGS WITHIN CITY

May Favor Act Prohibiting Animals From Running Wild in Streets.

Boys and Girls in East End Are Victims of Mad Brute.

"Dogs are an anachronism; the city is no place for them," said Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday.

The mayor had just heard that a mad dog had run wild on the East Side, severely biting two little girls and a boy. Dr. C. E. Ford, commissioner of health, was in Mr. Baker's office when word of what the dog had done reached the office.

Dr. Ford reminded the mayor thirty-three persons had been bitten by dogs in Cleveland in July. An ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large within the city limits may be introduced at the mayor's instigation.

"I like dogs, but I think they belong in the country," the mayor said.

Austa White, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle C. White, 1181 E. 114th-st; Robert Day, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Day, 1260 E. 114th-st, and Ruth French, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. French, 865 Lakeview-rd, N. E., were victims of the mad dog in the East End yesterday.

The dog first was noticed on Lakeview-rd when he killed a large maltese cat. After the attack on the cat the dog dashed down Superior-av, N. E., to E. 115th-st, where he pounced on Robert Day.

After biting the child several times on the arms the dog ran south on E. 114th-st. While playing in front of her home Austa White was attacked by the dog. The frenzied animal sank his teeth in the girl's right arm and tore flesh from her face and forehead.

Mr. White saw the attack on his daughter, but before he could get to her the dog fled. The child was taken to the office of Dr. Alleyne Baldwin, 11323 Superior-av, N. E., where seven stitches were necessary to close the wound on her face.

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Former Judge Louis Winch of the court of appeals predicted that if the field continues as it is, an independent candidate, with the backing of a new citizens' party will arise to make the fight. Other speakers at the gathering included Dr. A. P. Howland, Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, George Chapman, Harry L. Vail, H. D. Williams, who handled the boom some time ago for John A. Cline, and Hugh F. Taylor, president of the Scottish-American Republican club, who reported general signing of Boyd petitions.

The meeting adjourned without any action. The secretary, M. V. Emerman, who called the meeting, was out of the city.

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Attention of Republicans the remainder of the week will be concentrated on the League of Republican clubs outing to be held at Euclid Beach Saturday. The outing took on even added interest yesterday with the announcement of the speaking program.

For it will be a blossoming of candidates and near-candidates. Jonathan Evans, speakers' committee chairman, announced that invitations had been sent to Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidates, who will be given opportunity to state their issues.

In addition W. H. Boyd and W. L. David, both of whom have been mentioned as mayoralty possibilities, will be on the program. Former Congressman Ralph D. Cole of Findlay will be the opening speaker. Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, will close the program. Congressman H. I. Emerson of the twenty-second district will speak.

It would not be surprising if Mr. Boyd took the occasion to say something with reference to the chances of his running for mayor, although it didn't look certain yesterday. President John Braschwitz will open proceedings at 7:30 p. m., and Cornelius Maloney, chairman of the league's campaign committee, will preside and introduce the speakers.

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Attorneys and Mayor Baker Agree Upon Changes in Station Draft, Which Will Be Submitted to Voters This Fall.

Mayor Baker and New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad heads agreed Thursday noon to submit the new union depot ordinance to voters this fall on this basis:

The railroads are to buy the Lakeview tract just west of E. Ninth-st for a depot site at Mayor Baker's price of $1,400,000.

The city is to turn over to the railroads all its rights in the Bath-st tract, at the mouth of the Cuyahoga river, in exchange for a bulkheaded fill 500 feet wide, extending approximately from E. 12th-st to E. 18th-st.

The city is also to get all water rights for this distance of about 2000 feet out to the harbor line. The harbor line is about 1200 feet from where the city's property would begin or about 700 feet from the end of the city's fill. The railroads would make the proposed fill.

Baker and the railroad heads agreed, at Baker's insistence, that the ordinance as it goes to the people this fall will be specific.

The plan of having a board of arbitration settle the land trade on a value for value basis was practically dropped, and will not be revived unless difficulties unseen at Thursday's meeting arise in redrafting the ordinance.

Baker Makes Concession.

Baker's original proposal for a trade was that the city's Bath-st tract be traded to the railroads for property totaling about 3,000,000 square feet to be filled between E. Ninth-st and E. 26th-st.

The Bath-st tract contains 2,199,350 square feet. Baker said he had receded from that position because he thought it was unfair to the railroads.

Under the agreement reached Thursday, and upon which the new draft of the ordinance will be based, the city will get, in exchange for its Bath-st property, a total area exactly the same in the number of square feet, but about 1,000,000 square feet will be land and over 1,000,000 will be water.

Lawyers will get to work at once on the ordinance to include the specific agreement reached Thursday.

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Attorney Andrew Squire, representing the Pennsylvania, was not so disposed.

WANT HALL ON DAY BAKER'S 44

Every effort possible at city hall is now being bent toward making the new $3,000,000 city hall ready for occupancy December 3, Mayor Baker's forty-fourth birthday. Contracts are being rushed through, as much as a week is being chopped off the usual time for taking bids.

It was expected Thursday that furniture dealers would lock horns with the city when bids are taken August 20 for approximately $30,000 worth of office equipment. Dealers have complained to Mayor Baker that two weeks is too little time in which to prepare specifications and models and put in their figures.

"Two weeks seems a trifle short in which to expect dealers to get up models and bids," Purchasing Commissioner Callow admitted. "But orders are to have the new hall ready for occupancy on Baker's birthday, and we must take the word of J. Milton Dyer, city hall architect, as to the time allotted for bids."

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STRAIGHT TRADE OF LAKE TRACTS NOW AGREED TO

New York Central and Pennsylvania Roads and City Prepare for Barter at Once.

Straight out trading of the city's W. 9th st. holdings for an equal size tract east of E. 9th st. was agreed upon by city officials and representatives of the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads at a union passenger station meeting yesterday.

Past negotiations have been based upon the theory that the land exchange was to be made upon an equal valuation basis, or that a suit would be brought to determine the city's rights at the W. 9th st. tract occupied by Pennsylvania switch tracks and docks.

Terms agreed upon yesterday provide that the railroads fill into the lake from E. 9th st. to E. 18th st. and extending to a point seven hundred feet south of a harbor line, to be established later. This made land is to be given for the thirty-five acre W. 9th st. tract owned by the city. Docks are to be built between the end of the fill and the harbor line, if the exchange goes through.

Railroad heads and city officials agreed that there were no obstacles in the way of the sale of thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land for a depot site at the stipulated price of $1,400,000.

It was admitted that the working out of details for the trading of lake front land was the rock upon which negotiations might split.

Pennsylvania officials obtained from Mayor Baker a promise that he would make efforts to have the state deed title to Whisky island land to the railroads, in the event that the state was successful in its suit to prevent railroads from further filling out there and to oust them from land already made.

Attorney W. C. Boyle, representing the Pennsylvania, blamed Baker for instigating the state's suit. This was denied by the mayor, who said the city had no interest in this litigation.

There was considerable discussion of the question of what streets would be kept open to the lake front, in case the new union passenger station is built at the foot of E. 3d st. It was practically agreed that W. 9th st., W. 6th st. and either E. 12th st. or E. 14th st. would be vacated north of the railroad tracks, bridges being built at W. 3d st, E. 9th st. and E. 12th or E. 14th st.

Thirty-five per cent of the cost of extending the streets across the railroad tracks will be borne by the city, in accordance with grade crossing elimination laws.

Propositions made by the city in the past have called for the expenditure of the entire $1,400,000 received for the sale of the depot site in developing the proposed E. 3d st. mall and esplanade as a depot approach. Baker suggested yesterday that the city be allowed to use a part of this money in the crossing elimination work or in acquiring necessary riparian rights for the fill east of E. 9th st.

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MAYORALTY LIGHT IS LOOKED FOR ON PARTY'S GALA DAY

Republican Sector in Fall Drive on City Hall Expects Signs Tomorrow to Point Way.

Belief Grows Davis and Norton Are in 'for Keeps;' Boyd in Speech May Tell Stand.

ALSO MR. SALEN GETS NAMES AND IS QUIET

Even the Prophets Throw Up Sponge on City Political Forecasts.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Some light may break through the clouds darkening the chaotic Republican mayoralty situation when the speeches are made tomorrow night at the outing of the League of Republican Clubs at Euclid Beach.

In former years league picnics have opened campaigns, the widely-attended party gatherings giving the G. O. P. elephant opportunity to sound a first trumpeting challenge.

Tomorrow's outing will see the Republican mayoralty mystery of 1915 settled in at least two particulars. The attitudes of Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton toward the office will be presented publicly before the entire party for the first time, which is expected to establish them finally, even in the minds of dubious Republicans. Secondly, the tone of William H. Boyd's address and its reception without doubt will indicate plainly whether he is to be considered further as a possible contender.

Uncertainty Continues Long.

Cleveland municipal politics less than three months before election day is as curious a hodge-podge of uncertainty as the city ever has known.

Until recently Peter Witt stood out as the only certain factor. He is a candidate, the Democratic organization is for him, and everybody knows it.

Latterly, however, Republicans have come to a conviction that both Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton are to be regarded as definitely in the campaign, and those who talked it have about given up hope of the much-discussed compromise. But they continue to agitate it, in the face of positive assertions by both Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton, and so long as they continue the agitation, the appearance of Republican indetermination will persist.

This appearance is heightened by doubt as to what Mr. Boyd intends to do. He may explain tomorrow night. Petitions are in circulation bearing his name, although he has not announced himself in the field—another puzzle that doesn't make the line-up any clearer.

There is the W. S. FitzGerald possibility. A new FitzGerald report was in circulation yesterday. Word went about that a movement was on foot, launched from quarters not designated, to present to Candidate Davis and Councilman FitzGerald a petition bearing 20,000 names, asking Mr. Davis to withdraw and Mr. FitzGerald to enter. The story was told as a fact. It was only one of the dozens of rumors continually afoot. Politicians themselves are unable to "dope" the future. "Nobody knows," were next to the last two words in a jingle once popularly quoted, "Nobody cares," closed the line. The verse may be revived.

There's still further doubt as to what names finally will go on the November ballot. This fall may see an effort on the part of Charles P. Salen to come back in Cleveland politics—an attempt to come back as a directing factor.

Mr. Salen, a Democrat, at odds with the county Democratic organization, head of a Cuyahoga Democracy of his own and filling a position given him by a Republican governor, has had mayoralty petitions in circulation for months. His followers have been meeting regularly. He has made no announcement.

Some of the men considered closest to him declare without qualification that he is as sure to enter as the sun is to rise. Others state confidentially that Mr. Salen has no intention of running.

Mr. Salen is playing a clever game. He is keeping his purpose to himself, letting other folks guess and do the talking. As a matter of fact, no one knows. His supporters think they do, and what they think may be right. And it may not.

Forecasting the probable voting strength of candidates who perhaps won't run and perhaps will run is rather doubtful prophecy. The preferential ballot, with first, second and third choices, is a proposition requiring prayerful thought when the outlook is for a field full of candidates.

Salen followers have intimated that Mr. Salen, keeping back his petitions, at the last moment will file a batch of nominating papers signed with many, many names. With this as a preliminary showing of strength, they say he will enter the campaign as the only simon-pure non-partisan in the race.

Their computations are that Mr. Salen would receive second choices of nearly all the votes going to both Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton, and would receive some second choice votes from Witt first choices.

Organization Democrats assert they think the entrance of Mr. Salen would aid Mr. Witt, that Mr. Salen would draw votes from the other side. Republicans seem to believe candidacy on the part of Mr. Salen would be a good thing for them. Somebody must be right about it, but no one seems sure who. And what if both Mr. Boyd and Mr. Salen entered? Then all the figures on the slate would have to be wiped out for a new tackling of the problem.

Behind this whole involved condition is the shadow of a possible citizens' movement for a so-called independent ticket. This possibility has been brought into the open as a warning to Republicans by Louis F. Winch, formerly judge of the court of appeals.

It is not much more than a month till Sept. 23, when the time for filing petitions will expire. The yarn has to be unraveled by then. Republicans may make a start on their end of it at their picnic tomorrow.

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LIQUOR ORDER IS BAKER'S OWN, NOT BENESCH'S

Safety Director Issues It Under Protest Because Drys Threaten Chief Rowe.

INDIANA BREWERY MUST STOP SALES TO LID CLUB HERE

Further steps to help Cleveland brewers and liquor dealers in their fight to stamp out Sunday lid clubs were taken Friday when Attorney General Turner sent a ruling from Columbus to the effect that a non-resident brewing company operating in Ohio must take out the regulation license or stop doing business. There are no more licenses to be had.

The order will stop the operation of an Indiana brewing association which has enjoyed the sale of several carloads of beer a week in and around Cleveland since the brewers started their fight against Sunday lid clubs, according to C. E. Moore, secretary of the Brewers' Exchange.

Safety Director Benesch's order to fourteen of the largest and wealthiest Cleveland clubs that they must stop sales of liquor on Sunday and must obtain a state license, was issued and signed by Benesch on direct order of Mayor Baker and against Benesch's better judgment, it developed Friday. Benesch would not deny that he was bitterly opposed to issuing the order. Neither would he deny that it was issued over his protest and only in obedience to the commands of Baker, his superior.

Friday Benesch was just as insistent as ever that the law would be obeyed to the letter and that not a drop of liquor would be permitted to be sold or given away in any club Sunday. He went ever further and declared that private homes where "parties" might be in progress on Sunday or after midnight were in danger of being raided.

"If a man invites a dozen friends to his home and they split the bill for refreshments and the liquor so bought is given away during prohibited hours the home owner is liable for arrest," Benesch said. He said one South Side home already had been raided.

German Concert Threatened.

Benesch also declared that the proof of legal ownership of liquor in clubs must be proved by the members and club officials.

"If we suspect liquor is being illegally distributed in any club, that club is likely to be raided," he said. "We will act on the assumption that the law is being broken and it then will be up to club members and officials to prove that it is not."

The first row over the newest "lid" order is expected Sunday evening when the Socialer Turnverein Vorwaerts, E. 55th st., will give a big German war fund benefit. It is planned to distribute beer free among those who attend.

Friday Benesch asserted positively that the distribution of beer at the benefit would not be permitted. If there is any attempt to make the distribution police likely will be sent to raid the hall.

Another development of the "lid" situation came to light Friday when it became known that Rev. John S. Rutledge, head of the Anti-Saloon League here, sent to Chief Rowe a letter complaining specifically about sales of liquor on Sunday at one of the largest clubs. This letter, it is said, threatened that charges would be filed against Rowe with the civil service commission and trial demanded. The charges, it is said, were to be based on an allegation that Rowe was allowing sale of liquor illegally. This threat got "under Rowe's skin" to such an extent, it is said, that he hurried with it to Baker and demanded that some way be found to avert the threatened action.

Plan Test in Courts.

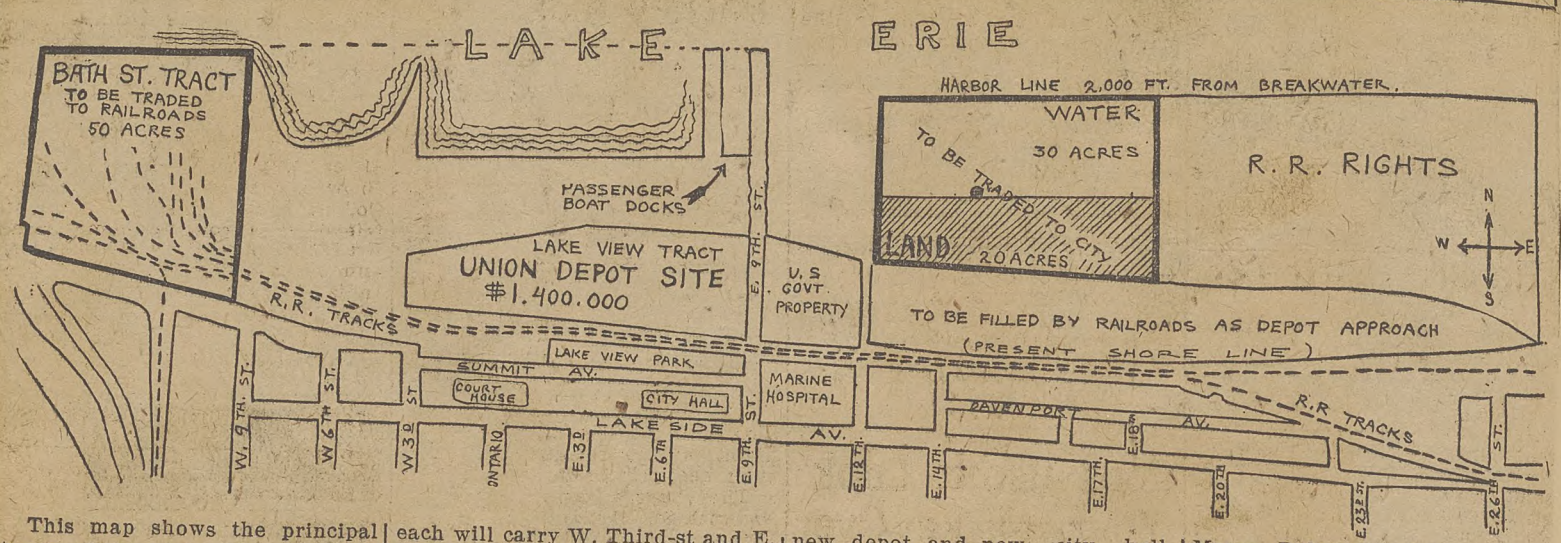
Clubs affected by the lid order were planning Friday to have one official of one of the big clubs "arrested in a friendly action" Sunday and thus get the question of clubs' privileges before the courts at once. Just which of the clubs is willing to admit even tacitly it may have violated the law has not been determined.

But, in the midst of all this gloom, Benesch Friday shed one little ray of sunshine. He has decided that, although a club member may carry any kind of liquor into his club to drink when he likes, he will not also have to provide his own ice and ginger ale. The club stewards may provide the ice and ginger ale for a highball give the member a glass and may wash and polish the glass. But that's all. They must not mix the highball.

"If the interpretation some clubs put on the law is allowed to stand," said Benesch, "there is no reason in the world why a man couldn't rent a storeroom, put in a pool table and a reading room, charge one dollar a month to 'members' and run night, day and Sunday. Also the claim that receipts from liquors sold in clubs are used for building or charitable purposes might be worked out so that a dozen places could open to sell liquor on Sunday and say the receipts were for charity."

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Map Visualizes Terms of New Union Depot Ordinance



This map shows the principal terms of the new union depot ordinance which will be submitted to Cleveland voters at the November election.

The 50-acre Bath-st tract controlled by the city will be traded to the railroads for the black-bordered tract to the east.

This east tract will contain 20 acres of land and 30 acres of water, to be bulkheaded and filled by the railroads. It will extend from E. 12th-st to E. 18th-st, about 2000 feet. The water area will be 700 feet wide and the land about 500 feet wide.

The Lakeview tract will be sold to the railroads as a depot site at Mayor Baker's price of $1,400,000.

W. Third-st and E. Ninth-st will be the gateways leading into the depot. The approaches will be parked and beautified.

Bridges to cost about $150,000 each will carry W. Third-st and E. Ninth-st across the railroad tracks, connecting the city with its new property, probably at E. 14th-st and E. 18th-st. The railroads will pay 65 per cent of the cost of these bridges and the city 35 per cent.

The $1,400,000 received for the depot site will be spent changing the street levels, beautifying city property between the new depot and new city hall, meeting obligations under tthe contract such as a share of the bridge costs, and buying property to complete the mall.

Work is to be started as soon as the land is traded and the depot site purchased.

Lawyers got to work Friday preparing the new ordinance to conform with the terms as agreed to by Pennsylvania and New York Central railroad heads and Mayor Baker Thursday.

The new ordinance will be approved at another conference to be called by Baker in about two weeks. Council will then pass the ordinance subject to the people's vote.

If the people accept the ordinance the first step will be to obtain the United States government's permission to cross its property north of Marine hospital with tracks into the depot.

CITIZEN BAKER'S PLANS ARE TOLD BY MAYOR BAKER

Home Rule is Channel Thru Which Progress Can be Made, He Asserts.

Citizen Newton D. Baker's plans for the making of a greater, more beautiful Cleveland were announced Friday by Mayor Baker, who will retire to private life Jan. 1, when his term expires.

Baker already had announced that as a private citizen, unhampered by the factional difficulties that beset an official, he hopes to continue his efforts to upbuild the city. Now he unfolds his plans.

Baker has a vision of Cleveland, the city ideal, which "will eventually be built by men who can plan like gods and build like beavers."

Population Not Goal.

"My dream is not for a Cleveland with millions of inhabitants," the mayor said Friday, his eyes resting on the bustling, crowded street below.

"Nor is it for a Cleveland of immense industries, except industries regulated to help the life of people instead of crushing it.

"Cleveland must become a community of people conscious of themselves and their importance as citizens.

"The ancient city of Athens in its splendid prime is the best pattern I know. Beauty, health, and the welfare of the people came first there, hand-in-hand, as they must always be—inseparable.

Citizens to Be Proud.

"The dream-Cleveland I see will be a Cleveland of lower death rates, sanitary regulations, healthy recreation for everybody, decreased sickness, and education.

"By education I don't mean book knowledge only," said the mayor. "What I mean is the broader education of living peaceably, healthfully and fully. It will be an education of the mind, the hand and the heart.

"There will come a time when people will pay their taxes more willingly than they'll spend any other money. For they will be proud of Cleveland and as proud of being citizens of Cleveland as the ancient Romans were proud of being citizens of the eternal city.

"The first step toward this ideal condition is home rule. It shall demonstrate convincingly that a free city is not only better than a city ruled by state legislature, but a wholesome and inspiring place to raise children.

"Then when the benefits of commercial and industrial progress are justly distributed we'll be on the up-grade that leads to a 'city on a hill.' "

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TALKS SHOW THREE MAY OPPOSE WITT

Speeches at Republican Picnic Indicate Divided Vote in Mayoralty Race.

Herrick Joins Those Who Demand One Candidate for Party.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Realization that they face prospects of having their anti-administration vote divided among three mayoralty candidates opposing Peter Witt was forced upon the minds of Cleveland Republicans last night by the speeches that concluded the outing of the League of Republican Clubs at Euclid Beach.

Far from clearing the atmosphere, the addresses made the divisions in the G. O. P. camp more apparent. The sting of red-hot sentences established beyond question that the struggle for place in the Republican mayoralty field may not be considered an elimination contest embracing possibilities of adjustment. It appears to be a finish fight.

Myron T. Herrick, the last speaker, added his voice to the argument of those Republicans who demand that, in the name of political judgment, one candidate be selected for united Republican support against the street railway commissioner. It was the first statement by the former governor and ex-ambassador to France concerning his attitude on the Cleveland mayoralty situation.

Compromise Seems Unlikely.

But the tone of challenge in the speeches that went before left grave doubt as to whether the compromise cry is likely to result in more than its own echo.

William H. Boyd announced he unquestionably would become a candidate if Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton should conclude to withdraw. If they insist on running, he said he would have to deliberate longer his course as to candidacy, but that his decision would rest entirely on the seeming outlook for success. This was received as a direct notice to the two avowed candidates that Mr. Boyd will make a third if he thinks he has a reasonable chance of winning. The attorney asserted, however, that he would not do anything further to confuse conditions.

The words of Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton established finally, in the opinion of Republicans, that both are in the race to stay. There was more mutual punch to the speeches than those in which the actual and potential candidates heretofore have referred to each other. Mr. Boyd branded it a mistake for Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton both to continue as contestants.

He declared anyone running in violation of the principle, that candidacy is only for those who have a fair opportunity of accomplishing the object sought by those who support them, either is misled as to his own strength or is heedless of the interests of "those he desires to lead."

Mr. Davis struck an indirect blow at Frank A. Sarstedt, president of the Western Reserve club, for declaring he would vote for Mr. Witt if the Republican situation was not cleared. Not naming the object of his attack, Mr. Davis referred to the statement, saying it was made by a "man who claims to be a Republican, who has held Republican jobs and who was the worst defeated man that ever ran for office in Cuyahoga county."

Mr. Davis also said a certain "millionaire who has been urging party harmony," gave $1,000 to the Baker campaign fund two years ago. This was said to be a slap at Samuel

Action was injected into the meeting when Mr. Davis, at the conclusion of Mr. Boyd's speech, arose and said he wanted to ask Mr. Boyd, before the crowd, why he refused to run two years ago when Republicans wanted him.

"My answer to that I can prove to any committee caring to come to my office," replied Mr. Boyd, as he stepped to the front of the platform. "At that time my business engagements were such that I could not let them go, involving as it would great loss to myself and involving my clients."

Mr. Norton, declaring a change in the direction of municipal affairs in Cleveland has become a necessity, discussed the financial issue. He said the water works department issued a statement April 16 that the water works in 1915 had made a net earning of $275,000 in excess of 1914, yet at the time did not have the money to pay $179,000 interest due on its bonds. He also attacked a bonus of $85,000 he said was paid the firm constructing the filtration plant. Concluding, Mr. Norton said he intended to meet all candidates between now and Nov. 2 to designate what had and what had not been done by the administration.

Ralph D. Cole of Findlay, former congressman, was the first speaker. William L. David, mentioned as another Republican of mayoralty size; Congressman H. I. Emerson of the twenty-second district, and former Ambassador Herrick were the others on the program.

Cornelius Maloney, head of the league's campaign committee, acted as chairman. He was introduced by President John Braschwitz of the league.

The gathering was marked by partisan calls, cheers and applause for each of the candidates and Mr. Boyd. Cheers and calls emphasized each speaker's points. The partisan influence was much in evidence through the day. Davis badges were distributed by his supporters. Young women handed around buttonhole bouquets and Norton badges as part of the Norton campaign.

Candidates for other offices were much in evidence. All Republicans seemed to be divided into candidates or supporters of candidates, the only sign of inner party neutrality being a badge "Willis club" pinned on nearly every coat lapel. The badges were of orange and black, the colors of Ohio Northern university where Gov. Frank B. Willis taught. James B. Ruhl saw to that.

Two special bunting-decorated cars took members of the Cleveland Republican club to the outing. The afternoon was marked by an announcement that Attorney William Kurzenberger, law partner of Mayor Clayton W. Tyler of Lakewood, would be a candidate for chief justice of municipal court against Judge W. H. McGannon.

Former Congressman Cole in his address confined himself to national issues. He assailed the Democracy for its tariff law and the income tax. President Wilson's reply of "psychology" to cries of "hard times" he declared was the "answer of an impractical theorist to the practical question of a business man."

The income tax faile dto raise as much revenue as the party in power thought it would "because they estimated it on Republican prosperity, but had to collect it under Democratic adversity," he asserted. In closing, Mr. Cole predicted Republican success in the nation next year under leadership of an Ohio Republican, naming former Senator Theodore E. Burton, Mr. Herrick, Senator Warren G. Harding and Gov. Willis as possibilities.

Mr. Davis predicted that the city, because of Republican confusion, is "drifting toward another disaster," referring to continuation in office of the forces of the present administration.

Mr. Boyd said in part:

A large body of our citizens feel that they have had enough of Baker, Witt and company, and there is a constantly increasing demand for some one man as a candidate for mayor upon whom this body of citizens can unite. This great body of citizens has a right to have its wishes and desires respected.

Mr. Norton and Mr. Davis are already candidates. I am not assuming to condemn or criticise the candidacy of either. I do say that the continued candidacy of both is a mistake, for the reason that the continued candidacy of the two of them will have a necessary tendency to contribute to the defeat of both. The primary object of the citizens who are supporting both of them is the defeat of Peter Witt. A union of that strength spells victory. Its division at least invites defeat.

Congressman Emerson talked national politics. Republicans have no quarrel with President Wilson's foreign policy, he declared, asserting he would vote with the president for every measure, which in his opinion, would help keep this nation at peace. He urged a protective tariff, and charged that in the last session of congress blunders were made which will cost the country millions.

Mr. Herrick, after saying Republicans and present candidates should have the judgment and ability to put forward one man for mayor, spoke of what he said has been a shift in balance of power which the constitution originally established between the federal and state governments. There has been an increasing assumption of power by the central government and corresponding loss of jurisdiction by the states, he asserted.

Mr. Herrick said he favored creation of the federal reserve board, and that no serious-minded person would advocate abolition of the interstate commerce commission. But there is danger in any tendency to go further and put all business enterprises under the restraint of commission control, he declared.

He concluded:

"Another development of recent years which is not in accord with our traditions of constitutional government is the breaking down of the boundaries which once made the legislative, executive and judicial departments co-ordinate and independent branches of the national government. It was the aim of the constitution that each branch of the federal government should be a check on the others; but in recent history there have been many instances in which the chief executive has exercised a control over congress amounting almost to a usurpation of the legislative function.

"Many persons of sober judgment have watched this modern tendency with growing disquiet of mind, seeing the presidency become an office rivaling in autocratic power that wielded by any sovereign. Our nation was established, our constitution was framed, with the intent that this should be 'a government of laws and not of men.'"

BAKER WILL BACK FORD'S DOG LAW

License Ordinance to Be Introduced in Mayor's Name.

Commissioner of Health Ford's new dog ordinance will be introduced in the city council in Mayor Baker's name. Baker has already announced that he will back the measure, twice rejected by the present council.

The proposed law will require the licensing of all dogs and the impounding of strays. Ford has not decided whether to require all dogs to be under leash when on the street. The ordinance will be introduced at the first meeting of the council after the summer vacation.

Ninety persons have been bitten by dogs since August 1. Two were bitten yesterday. Ten-year-old Mona Curthy was attacked by a dog which ran into the Curthy yard at 9604 Denison ave. The animal is believed to have been rabid. Louisa Algart, 8100 Simon ave. was also bitten yesterday.

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BOYD WILL RUN FOR MAYOR IF ---

Cleveland republicans Monday still were minus a compromise candidate for mayor, altho their big outing Saturday at Euclid Beach had been expected by many to provide one.

William H. Boyd told the thousands at the outing he will run for the mayor's job if Miner Norton and Harry Davis, present g. o. p. runners, withdraw.

"If they do not retire I will become a candidate in any event if there is a probability of success," said attorney Boyd.

"A union of the strength of citizens who are seeking to defeat Peter Witt means victory. A division at least invites defeat."

Davis and Norton both told the g. o. p. audience they're in the fight to stay.

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GERMANS SCORE BAKER; DOESN'T ATTEND MEET

Resolutions adopted at the annual picnic of the German-American Alliance at Luna park Saturday asking President Wilson to place an embargo on arms for the allies were to be sent to Washington Monday.

Mayor Baker, who was scheduled to be one of the principal speakers, sent Assistant City Solicitor Mooney as a substitute and was criticized by some of the members of the alliance.

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MARQUARDT OUT OF 4TH WARD'S COUNCIL BATTLE

Incumbent Nominates Jacob Dahler as Heir Apparent With Claim That He Has Backing of Baker.

Councilman Charles Marquardt, of the fourth ward, announced yesterday he would not seek a third term. He nominated as his heir-apparent Jacob Dahler, 2122 W. 33d st., who filed nominating petitions containing 900 signatures with the board of elections. Dahler's friends claim he has received Mayor Baker's "O. K." and that he will be put on the slate of the Democratic machine.

Another Democrat, L. I. Litzler, is a candidate in the fourth ward. He was a member of the city charter commission. There is talk that the machine will put the skids under his candidacy and run him out of the race.

In the second ward Councilman Robert J. Koch appears to have the machine indorsement, for he filed petitions yesterday with 600 signatures, his count.

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Louis Miller, 2080 W. 30th st., fourth ward, and H. J. Hollander, 2244 E. 73d st., eighteenth ward, filed nominating petitions yesterday for assessor in the fourth ward. Candidates for assessorship jobs who began circulating petitions yesterday were F. P. Trueny, 4300 Clark ave., fifth ward, and Joseph A. Rodsedly 9122 Way ave., sixteenth ward.

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Candidates for seats on the bench of the municipal court were disturbed yesterday over a report that the board of elections would not accept petitions containing signatures received prior to August 10. At the office of the election board it was said, however, that all signatures filed would be counted. The petitions show no dates as to when they were signed and no petition was filed prior to August 10, when the amended municipal court law became effective. Moreover the secretary of state ruled that municipal judges could not be nominated at the August primaries, as provided for in the former law, the decision thereby indicating that the time of circulating nominating petitions was not affected by the date the new law superseded the repealed statute.

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Municipal Judge McGannon may have an opponent for the chief judgeship of the municipal court in William Kurzenberger, of the law firm of Tyler & Kurzenberger, Society for Savings building. Kurzenberger is forty years old and has practised in Cleveland for ten years.

Efforts were made yesterday by friends of William V. Backus to have him run for chief justice of the same court. Backus is now circulating petitions as a candidate for a four-

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Pensions

FIREPROOF STORAGE, moving, packing. Scott Bros., 1238 E. 55th st. R. 830; C. 1438.

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LOOK TO HERRICK FOR HARMONY KEY

Republicans Hope This Week to Settle Position of Davis and Norton.

Former's Campaign Committee Arranges Picnic for Sept. 11.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Myron T. Herrick is expected this week to head a last-ditch effort of conspicuous Republicans to harmonize the Republican mayoralty campaign.

This development yesterday came in the face of an announcement by the Harry L. Davis committee that arrangements had been completed with the Luna park management for an outing of the committee and friends and followers of Mr. Davis Saturday, Sept. 11. The picnic plan doesn't make it look much as though Mr. Davis had any idea of leaving the mayoralty field, in the minds of Republicans.

Sports will feature the outing, and there will be a speaking program displaying the names not only of Cleveland speakers, but of orators from elsewhere in Ohio. George E. Myers, former county treasurer, has been chosen chairman of the picnic committee, which is to meet in Davis headquarters, 714 Schofield building, at 8 tomorrow evening.

Despite this new sign of continued candidacy on the part of Mr. Davis, preparations were being discussed yesterday for a final appeal to Mr. Davis and Miner G. Norton to effect a compromise. It appeared that this week would see the Republican line-up definitely esetablished and the possible candidacy of W. H. Boyd settled, yes or no.

A decision by Mr. Boyd and a statement giving his last word on whether he will run is looked for by Saturday, if the leading Republican citizens who intend to exert one more desperate compromise effort are able to see both Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton by that time.

Those who heard former Ambassador Herrick at the League of Republican Club's outing Saturday night urge Republicans to exercise their judgment and ability to bring forth one candidate for mayor against Peter Witt concluded that Mr. Herrick was ready to take a hand in the game. Indications yesterday were that the conclusion was correct.

Others will act with him in trying to bring order out of the present Republican chaos. W. P. Leech will have a say in the attempt, and it is stated W. P. Murray will be actively interested.

There is little doubt that it will be a last effort. If to these importunities Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton reply flatly that they are in to stay the compromisers will throw up the sponge. Mr. Boyd will give his answer, and the Republican party, adjusting itself to the conditions that obtain after the attempt, will settle back and wait for the campaign, satisfied that the situation is set and that nothing will change it.

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The resignation of T. Alfred Fleming, chief inspector of the state department of fire marshals, became effective Sunday, but Republicans yesterday had received no word of an appointment to fill the vacancy.

A dispatch last night from Columbus, however, stated indications were that John Jones, chief of park police under former Mayor Herman Baehr, would be named to the job by Marshal Bert Buckley, and the appointment is expected to be made public today.

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BOYD WILL RUN FOR MAYOR IF ---

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William H. Boyd told the thousands at the outing he will run for the mayor's job if Miner Norton and Harry Davis, present g. o. p. runners, withdraw.

"If they do not retire I will become a candidate in any event if there is a probability of success," said attorney Boyd.

"A union of the strength of citizens who are seeking to defeat Peter Witt means victory. A division at least invites defeat."

Davis and Norton both told the g. o. p. audience they're in the fight to stay.

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GERMANS SCORE BAKER; DOESN'T ATTEND MEET

Resolutions adopted at the annual picnic of the German-American Alliance at Luna park Saturday asking President Wilson to place an embargo on arms for the allies were to be sent to Washington Monday.

Mayor Baker, who was scheduled to be one of the principal speakers, sent Assistant City Solicitor Mooney as a substitute and was criticized by some of the members of the alliance.

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MARQUARDT OUT OF 4TH WARD'S COUNCIL BATTLE

Incumbent Nominates Jacob Dahler as Heir Apparent With Claim That He Has Backing of Baker.

Councilman Charles Marquardt, of the fourth ward, announced yesterday he would not seek a third term. He nominated as his heir-apparent Jacob Dahler, 2122 W. 33d st., who filed nominating petitions containing 900 signatures with the board of elections. Dahler's friends claim he has received Mayor Baker's "O. K." and that he will be put on the slate of the Democratic machine.

Another Democrat, L. I. Litzler, is a candidate in the fourth ward. He was a member of the city charter commission. There is talk that the machine will put the skids under his candidacy and run him out of the race.

In the second ward Councilman Robert J. Koch appears to have the machine indorsement, for he filed petitions yesterday with 600 signatures, his count.

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Louis Miller, 2080 W. 30th st., fourth ward, and H. J. Hollander, 2244 E. 73d st., eighteenth ward, filed nominating petitions yesterday for assessor in the fourth ward. Candidates for assessorship jobs who began circulating petitions yesterday were F. P. Trueny, 4300 Clark ave., fifth ward, and Joseph A. Rodsedly 9122 Way ave., sixteenth ward.

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Candidates for seats on the bench of the municipal court were disturbed yesterday over a report that the board of elections would not accept petitions containing signatures received prior to August 10. At the office of the election board it was said, however, that all signatures filed would be counted. The petitions show no dates as to when they were signed and no petition was filed prior to August 10, when the amended municipal court law became effective. Moreover the secretary of state ruled that municipal judges could not be nominated at the August primaries, as provided for in the former law, the decision thereby indicating that the time of circulating nominating petitions was not affected by the date the new law superseded the repealed statute.

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Municipal Judge McGannon may have an opponent for the chief judgeship of the municipal court in William Kurzenberger, of the law firm of Tyler & Kurzenberger, Society for Savings building. Kurzenberger is forty years old and has practised in Cleveland for ten years.

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LOOK TO HERRICK FOR HARMONY KEY

Republicans Hope This Week to Settle Position of Davis and Norton.

Former's Campaign Committee Arranges Picnic for Sept. 11.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Myron T. Herrick is expected this week to head a last-ditch effort of conspicuous Republicans to harmonize the Republican mayoralty campaign.

This development yesterday came in the face of an announcement by the Harry L. Davis committee that arrangements had been completed with the Luna park management for an outing of the committee and friends and followers of Mr. Davis Saturday, Sept. 11. The picnic plan doesn't make it look much as though Mr. Davis had any idea of leaving the mayoralty field, in the minds of Republicans.

Sports will feature the outing, and there will be a speaking program displaying the names not only of Cleveland speakers, but of orators from elsewhere in Ohio. George E. Myers, former county treasurer, has been chosen chairman of the picnic committee, which is to meet in Davis headquarters, 714 Schofield building, at 8 tomorrow evening.

Despite this new sign of continued candidacy on the part of Mr. Davis, preparations were being discussed yesterday for a final appeal to Mr. Davis and Miner G. Norton to effect a compromise. It appeared that this week would see the Republican line-up definitely esetablished and the possible candidacy of W. H. Boyd settled, yes or no.

A decision by Mr. Boyd and a statement giving his last word on whether he will run is looked for by Saturday, if the leading Republican citizens who intend to exert one more desperate compromise effort are able to see both Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton by that time.

Those who heard former Ambassador Herrick at the League of Republican Club's outing Saturday night urge Republicans to exercise their judgment and ability to bring forth one candidate for mayor against Peter Witt concluded that Mr. Herrick was ready to take a hand in the game. Indications yesterday were that the conclusion was correct.

Others will act with him in trying to bring order out of the present Republican chaos. W. P. Leech will have a say in the attempt, and it is stated W. P. Murray will be actively interested.

There is little doubt that it will be a last effort. If to these importunities Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton reply flatly that they are in to stay the compromisers will throw up the sponge. Mr. Boyd will give his answer, and the Republican party, adjusting itself to the conditions that obtain after the attempt, will settle back and wait for the campaign, satisfied that the situation is set and that nothing will change it.

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RAP G. O. P. PICNIC AT DAVIS MEETING

Candidate's Backers Charge He Wasn't Given Fair Field at Outing.

McDermott Law Referendum Talk Doesn't Meet With Favor.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Heated criticism of the way it was declared the outing of the League of Republican Clubs at Euclid Beach last Saturday was handled by league officials, and charges that the Harry L. Davis cause was not given a fair field, were voiced by several speakers at a Davis committee meeting last night at 414 Schofield building.

Although those present, planning Harry L. Davis day at Luna park Sept. 11, were cautioned by H. G. Schaibly and the chairman, George E. Myers, former county treasurer, not to compare the proposed Davis picnic with the league's outing, there were assertions that an attempt was exerted to misdirect sentiment at the league event, and that the Davis outing would be the "real Republican picnic" of the year.

Those whose statements were of this tone included John C. Heald, William Childs and P. Goreno. Goreno asserted Cornelius Maloney, chairman of the league's campaign committee, headed off the Italian quartet from further services when he saw the members wore Davis' badges.

"Davis against the field," regardless of the number of entries, was the keynote of last night's session. There were more than a score of speeches. Mr. Myers was made permanent chairman of the picnic committee, and Howard Reese was named secretary.

Peter Witt's own street cars are to be made vehicles for advertising the Davis outing, for Manager C. X. Zimerman of Luna park stated 400 posters announcing "Harry L. Davis Day at Luna Park" would be placed on car fronts.

"It will be the biggest picnic of real Republicans the city has ever seen," said Mr. Zimerman.

"We must remember," Mr. Schaibly said, "that this is to be a Davis outing, and we should not compare it with the picnic last Saturday, or any other picnic. There may be those here who think last Saturday's picnic was not a success, and there may be just as many who think it was a success."

Candidate Davis spoke before the meeting adjourned. He said he would like to be the only candidate for mayor, that he thought he was entitled to it, but that he intended going through with the fight to the end. The picnic committee is to meet again Monday evening.

Petitions asking Mr. Davis to withdraw from the race were in the hands of supporters of W. H. Boyd yesterday, and the Boyd following was credited wtih putting them in circulation. Mr. Davis issued a statement intended to forestall the purpose of the petitions, terming the move "ridiculous."

"I think Peter Witt himself hardly would approve of a petition of that kind," he said. "I have no doubt they will get a great many signers from among those who opposed me in the last election. I had presumed that the Republicans were fighting against the candidacy of Mr. Witt. Mr. Boyd was very anxious to have me run two years ago. A move of this kind is ridiculous, and no attention will be paid to it."

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Talk of a referendum on the McDermott liquor license law does not meet with favor among Cleveland liberal and wet interests. No organization in Cuyahoga county, so far as known, would aid in obtaining signatures for such a referendum.

"We won't have anything to do with it," said T. W. Roberts, secretary of the Personal Liberty league. "We don't believe in mixing in a purely political affair of that sort. Our people didn't start the movement."

The Democratic county organization, it is understood, would not aid a McDermott law referendum.

A referendum might change the aspect of the situation here with reference to Ed W. Horn's position as Republican member of the liquor license board. Should the Republican effort against him be successful and a referendum movement also be launched, holding up the taking effect of the McDermott law until election time, whoever supplanted Mr. Horn would be kept in office until after the vote on the measure. The period between now and Sept. 3, when the McDermott law is to go into effect, will tell the tale as to the Cuyahoga county commission.

With reference to the agitation against License Commissioner Horn launched by Republicans who charged him with contributing to the last Democratic state campaign, there is keen speculation among Republicans who ask on what basis Maurice Maschke and W. P. Leech are taking the same side of the question in defending Mr. Horn.

For Mr. Maschke to oppose any effort to oust Mr. Horn was to be expected, but Republicans assert it was not the natural sequence of events for Mr. Leech to be of Mr. Macshke's opinion about it. Mr. Leech, in the conference held in Hotel Statler last Friday night, was outspoken in his opposition to the suggestion that Mr. Horn be dropped.

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Gordon Ruthenburg, candidate for council in Ward 20, gave a baseball party at League park yesterday afternoon for children of the twentieth and twenty-second wards. The children met at Addison school, Hough-av N. E. and E. 79th-st, and marched to the ball park. Candidate Ruthenburg himself was the presiding genius of the affair.

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William J. Horrigan, for council, and Samuel Parks, for the four-year term municipal judgeship, were indorsed last night by members of the Eighth Ward Democrat club in session at Metzner's hall, 1901 W. 25th-st. Joseph Kennedy was elected financial secretary to succeed M. J. McCafferty, resigned.

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NO MONEY FOR TIMMNER AND HIS ORCHESTRA

Majority of Council Finance Committee So Rules and Baker Must Fight.

Mayor Baker must fight tooth and nail with his back to the wall to get city financial support for Herr Christiaan Timmner's municipal orchestra this fall. When he goes before council finance committee early in September for $10,000 he will find the committee solidly opposed. If he carries the fight to council floor he will encounter the added opposition of the six minority members, and the precedent that what the finance committee rules goes.

Chairman Damm and Councilman Moylan, comprising a majority of the finance committee, declared unqualifiedly Saturday that they will turn down any request by Baker that city funds be put behind Timmner this winter. The third member of the committee, Councilman Stolte, was out of town, but it is regarded at city hall as certain that he will line up with Damm and Moylan. The fact that Timmner and his orchestra both admittedly are extremely unpopular with a vast majority of voters and that they and not Baker must answer at the polls November 3, it is thought will deter councilmen from taking up the cudgel for the mayor.

For six weeks Baker has been conducting a quiet campaign for private subscriptions. While he said Saturday he has no definite announcement yet to make, he has made it known he expects to raise half of the estimated $20,000 cost of the symphonies this winter and go to council for the balance. He also is said to be considering boosting the maximum prices for seats at the Hippodrome from thirty-five to fifty cents because the receipts from seat sales last season were only $6,897.

"Baker may come before the finance committee for an appropriation, but he won't get it, so far as I am concerned," Damm declared Saturday. "It must be remembered that the city's operating deficit is set for $1,500,000 January 1, and while operating expenses next year must be higher, owing to Cleveland's growth, no additional revenue will be available. I am absolutely opposed to any city backing for the orchestra this winter."

"With the city head over heels in debt I could not see my way clear to increase the deficit," Moylan declared. "Were the city's finances in good shape, there would be no objection to getting behind Timmner. But it's $10,000 here and $10,000 there that has nourished the operating debt until it now is close to $1,500,000, and it's the finance committee's duty to plug up the leaks."

Councilmen Dittrick, Fitzgerald, Woods, Gahn, Bernstein and Townes, the six Republican members, all are opposed to any city support of the orchestra at the present time. Townes said he pointed out to Baker last spring that a conference of prominent music lovers would result in adequate financial backing being offered, but Baker refused to grant even a hearing to learn officially of the terms.

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COMMITS C. & Y. TO SMOKELESS YARDS

Amendment to Grant Will be Considered by City Council Tonight.

Vacation Over, Members Face Many Weighty Matters.

Success of experiments elsewhere with gasoline and kerosene self-contained motors for smokeless operation of locomotives is given by Attorney John Cannon, representing the Cleveland & Youngstown railway, as the reason the company does not wish to be tied to an electrification proposition in its freight terminal franchise.

So when an amendment to the grant is presented in council tonight, adding to the ordinance the terms of an agreement reached some time ago by Mayor Newton D. Baker and company officials, it will commit the company to smokeless operation of its proposed terminal as soon as a practical system applicable to freight yards is perfected, but will not hold the company to electrification only.

Council's vacation is over and members convene this evening for the first time since July 12.

Foremost from the standpoint of civic importance will be consideration of questions to be submitted to the voters in November, on which council must take preliminary action.

Council will have before it an amendment to allow East Cleveland and Lakewood, if annexed to Cleveland, to have their own ward councilmen. Ordinances will be presented providing for submission to the electors of a special tax levy for $2,000,000 to complete the sewage disposal plants; a bond issue of $1,500,000 to cancel the deficit in operating expenses, and a $300,000 bond issue to extend Carnegie-av S. E.

The charter amendment proposal initiated by organized labor, establishing a minimum wage for employes on city contract work, may be offered for action tonight.

There may be deliberation this evening on the petitions for a referendum on the Barber subway and C. & Y. freight terminal grants. If council refuses to repeal them, it must submit them for a vote of the people in compliance with the petitions.

A dog regulation ordinance is to be introduced tonight.

Councilman J. E. Smith is to have an ordinance fixing the percentage of butter fat that may be contained in ice cream.

COUNCIL FACES BIG GRIST TODAY AFTER VACATION

First Session Finds Depot, Minimum Wage, Car Speed, Franchise and Dog Questions Awaiting Action.

Important legislation will be taken up by the city council tonight when it reconvenes after a six weeks' vacation.

Chief measures of interest are union passenger station legislation, the initiated minimum wage charter amendment of the Federation of Labor and a reconsideration of the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and Barber E. 55th st. subway grants.

Legislation prohibiting the running at large of dogs, regulating the rate of speed of street cars and authorizing the submission of a $2,000,000 bond issue for the elimination of East Side grade crossings of the Nickel Plate and Pennsylvania railroads will also be introduced.

May Go to Voters.

Petitions calling for the repeal of the freight terminal and subway franchise ordinances were filed during summer vacation. Members of the council are expected to vote against repeal tonight and authorize the submission of the two projects to popular vote this fall.

The union depot ordinance may not be completed for introduction tonight, according to Director of Law Stockwell. The proposed legislation sets forth terms for the sale of Lakeview park land for a passenger station site and the exchange of the city's W. 9th st. lakefront holdings for an equal acreage owned by railroads east of E. 9th st.

The dog ordinance was prepared by Commissioner of Health Ford. Nearly 900 persons have been bitten by dogs since the first of the year. Ford's ordinance requires a license of 50 cents per year, prohibits dogs from running at large and provides for the impounding of stray dogs. Similar ordinances in the past have been voted down by the council.

Would Limit Speed.

No speed limitations are now placed on street cars. Councilman Meyers wants the same provisions to apply to street cars as govern other vehicles. A speed in excess of fifteen miles an hour is considered prima facie evidence of careless driving and is punished by a fine. Myers will also have legislation requiring public utility corporations to place underground conduits between street curbs and lot lines, instead of ripping up pavements for conduits.

Councilman Votava will ask that the department of public service take steps to eliminate city dumps in the thirteenth ward.

Ice cream must contain a minimum of 10 per cent butter fat in an ordinance by Councilman Smith.

DELAY ACTION BY COUNCIL ON BIG MEASURES

Barber Subway and C. & Y. Franchise Ordinances to be Considered Later.

DEFER DEPOT ORDINANCE

Legislation Expected Tonight to Submit Many Questions to Voters.

Two of the biggest questions expected to come before city council, returning from a six-week vacation, Monday night, the Barber E. 55th-st subway franchise and the C. & Y. freight terminal ordinance, will not be taken up for at least a week, City Law Director Stockwell said Monday. The large amount of business is given as the reason.

A special tax levy to raise $2,000,000 to complete the city's three sewage disposal plants and a bond issue of $1,500,000 to meet the city's operating deficit also were expected to go over to another meeting.

Council is expected to pass legislation necessary to submit the following questions to the voters this fall:

Labor's initiated charter amendment raising minimum city wage from $2 to $2.50 a day.

Bond issue of $2,000,000 to eliminate East-side Nickel-Plate and Pennsylvania grade crossings.

Bond issue of $300,000 for extension of Carnegie-av.

Annexation of East Cleveland.

Charter amendment which would give Lakewood and East Cleveland, if annexed, their own ward councilmen.

Depot Ordinance Later.

The new union depot ordinance will not be submitted until a later meeting, Law Director Stockwell said Monday. It is planned to pass this legislation during September.

Before going to election, the C. & Y. grant for a freight terminal in the Orange-av district will be amended to include the terms of an agreement which the C. & Y. submitted to Mayor Baker, and which purports to commit the company to smokeless engines, whenever a method is found that is "safe, practical, economical and efficient."

Would Limit Trolley Speed.

Councilman Meyers will introduce an ordinance that would limit the speed of street cars to 15 miles an hour. Meyers also will have an ordinance requiring underground conduits to be placed between curbs and lot lines to eliminate tearing up of street pavings.

Councilman Smith will present an ordinance requiring 12 per cent butter fat in plain ice cream and 10 per cent in fancy fruit creams.

Elimination of city dumps in the thirteenth ward will be asked by Councilman Votava.

One hundred and ten assessment ordinances for street pavings and sewers will be introduced with about 30 resolutions for similar

OMIT PROPOSED CITY BELT LINE IN DEPOT TRADE

Mayor Baker and city engineers and attorneys, in drafting the new union station ordinance, are making no provision for the long-proposed municipal belt line on the lake front. It is admitted at city hall Monday that bitter court fights to gain permission to cross New York Central and Pennsylvania holdings between the river and W. 3d st., to connect the city line with the railroads in the valley, and New York Central property east of E. 18th st., likely will result from the omission.

Assistant Law Director Hostetler said that in the preliminary draft of the ordinance it was stipulated that the belt line could cross the river-W. 3d st. tract. But at the second meeting it was dropped out and at no subsequent conferences between city and railroad attorneys has the matter come up.

"A municipal belt line, to accomplish a real service, should connect with every railroad tapping Cleveland," declared Councilman Gahn. "To do this the line must connect with valley railroads across New York Central and Pennsylvania property. Railroad property east of E. 18th st. also must be crossed. Now, when negotiations are being conducted, is the time to make adequate provisions for crossing. Later the railroads can sit tight and put the city to an enormous expense."

Further, Gahn pointed out, Democratic councilmen in their effort to obtain railroad rights across the Barber property at the foot of E. 55th st., all but broke off negotiations. Now, Gahn charged, Baker and city engineers are in position to demand similar rights from the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines, but are not exercising their power.

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DAVIS BEATS WITT IN FACTORY POLLS

Republican Candidate Gets 188 Plurality Out of 640 Votes by Workers.

Score File Petitions With Board of Elections Yesterday.

Harry L. Davis, anti-administration candidate for mayor, received a plurality of 188 votes over Peter Witt, administration candidate, in a poll totaling 640 votes taken by Mr. Davis' friends in nine Cleveland shops, Davis supporters claimed yesterday.

The result of the poll was reported to Davis' followers last night at a meeting called at 414 Schofield building to name committees for the Davis picnic at Luna park Sept. 11. George Myers, former county treasurer, presided.

Mr. Davis said the shops where the vote was taken were: Baker Electric Co., Globe Machine shop, Brown Hoisting Machinery Co., Warner & Swasey, Sherwin-Williams Co., the White Co., American Steel & Wire Co., American Ball Bearing Co., and the Peerless Motor Car Co.

The candidate stated the count of the votes was: Peter Witt, 163; Harry L. Davis, 353; Miner G. Norton, 32; C. E. Ruthenberg, 88; W. H. Boyd, 3, and Charles P. Salen, 1.

"The vote was absolutely fair and uninfluenced," said Mr. Davis. "The men in each shop were handed little envelopes, each containing a small ticket bearing the names of five candidates. They were asked to mark their choices and seal the ballots in the envelopes. The ballots were distributed about 11 a. m. and were collected at 2 p. m.

Two baseball games, one at 1 p. m. and the other at 3, will feature the Davis picnic. Mr. Davis said George Schneider, secretary of the Cleveland Athletic club, had promised to hold a meet of the American Athletic union at the park in conjunction with the picnic. It is planned to distribute 200,000 tickets.

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Daily the activities of candidates multiply at board of elections headquarters.

This ticket for Independence village was filed yesterday: For mayor, Frank Wisnieski; for treasurer, Louis P. Prehn; for clerk, A. J. Goudy; for marshal, Fred W. Merkle; for board of education, Edward Green and William A. Edgar; for council, E. Lambacher, Grant Cash, Frank R. Castle, J. G. Blessing and Charles Sizler.

These candidates for offices in Euclid township filed petitions: For trustees Jacob Sulzer, George Jaeger and John L. Fielitz; for clerk, Louis Harms; for treasurer, E. T. Schroeder; for justice of the peace, J. W. Dean; for constable, J. H. Bilkey.

WITT'S OWN ISSUES ARE HIS CAMPAIGN

Democratic Mayoralty Candidate to Make Such Planks as He Sees Fit.

City's Finances, Reduced Electric Rates Part of His Ammunition.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt intends to a large extent to make his own campaign issues.

This loomed as a distinctive pre-election factor yesterday when the lines of his campaign, laid and drawn, became known. The street railway commissioner and candidate for mayor stands ready for the whirlwind fight he expects to wage through October.

Forcing the Witt ideas to the front, the candidate will take into full account the city's financial situation as a chief problem, will advocate saving to the city taxation shares that now go to the state and county, will drive home his challenge that the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. reduce its resident rates to 3 cents before March 1, 1916, and incidentally will take frequent occasion to speak of Dan R. Hanna.

Every issue he pushes to the fore will have the Witt stamp on it. He likes to be called "Pete," and his campaign will show it.

Petitions Filed Soon.

The Witt petitions will be filed early next month. He will waste no ammunition until after Oct. 1, but there will be no mistaking who he is nor what office he seeks from then until Nov. 2.

"That isn't an issue," is no remonstrance to Mr. Witt regarding any of the points he will advocate.

"I'll make it an issue," he asserts.

One plank in the Witt platform charges that the people of Cleveland yearly are "robbed" of $1,400,000 in taxes, a condition which the candidate will propose be remedied that the city may retain that amount. The total is composed, Mr. Witt will state, of $500,000 raised here annually which goes to the state for road improvement elsewhere; $400,000 which he says the city pays for road-making outside Cleveland in Cuyahoga county, and $500,000 of the liquor tax raised in Cleveland which goes to the state.

Mr. Witt will urge consolidation of the two existent telephone companies. He also will have a plank urging the doing away with bond issues for repaving in the city, advocating that 20 per cent. of the cost of renewals be paid by persons living on the streets and 80 per cent. raised by a tax on the land values of the city at large, an application of the single tax doctrine.

The candidate will offer the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. two alternatives—either to reduce its rates to 3 cents by March 1 next, or face the prospect, if he is elected mayor, of having the municipal lighting plant enlarged to take care of all of Cleveland's electric lighting business.

These to be elaborated in detail, and others that will evolve as he launches his campaign, will essentially be Witt issues, every one. The commissioner serves notice, too, that he intends to carry them home to other candidates.

Not only will the ideas and methods of his campaign be his own.

It is fairly apparent that Peter Witt has a few typical Witt thoughts about the political attitude of the holder of the office of mayor.

Unlike Tom L. Johnson and Mayor Newton D. Baker, Mr. Witt, were he mayor, in all probability would not keep in political touch with party leaders downstate should the state administration be Democratic. The street railway commissioner, except in the autumns of election years, has had nothing to do in the past with Ohio Democratic politicians. He likely would take no hand in Ohio politics nor the campaigns of Democratic candidates for governor if elected mayor.

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DAVIS BEATS WITT IN FACTORY POLLS

Republican Candidate Gets 188 Plurality Out of 640 Votes by Workers.

Score File Petitions With Board of Elections Yesterday.

Harry L. Davis, anti-administration candidate for mayor, received a plurality of 188 votes over Peter Witt, administration candidate, in a poll totaling 640 votes taken by Mr. Davis' friends in nine Cleveland shops, Davis supporters claimed yesterday.

The result of the poll was reported to Davis' followers last night at a meeting called at 414 Schofield building to name committees for the Davis picnic at Luna park Sept. 11. George Myers, former county treasurer, presided.

Mr. Davis said the shops where the vote was taken were: Baker Electric Co., Globe Machine shop, Brown Hoisting Machinery Co., Warner & Swasey, Sherwin-Williams Co., the White Co., American Steel & Wire Co., American Ball Bearing Co., and the Peerless Motor Car Co.

The candidate stated the count of the votes was: Peter Witt, 163; Harry L. Davis, 353; Miner G. Norton, 32; C. E. Ruthenberg, 88; W. H. Boyd, 3, and Charles P. Salen, 1.

"The vote was absolutely fair and uninfluenced," said Mr. Davis. "The men in each shop were handed little envelopes, each containing a small ticket bearing the names of five candidates. They were asked to mark their choices and seal the ballots in the envelopes. The ballots were distributed about 11 a. m. and were collected at 2 p. m.

Two baseball games, one at 1 p. m. and the other at 3, will feature the Davis picnic. Mr. Davis said George Schneider, secretary of the Cleveland Athletic club, had promised to hold a meet of the American Athletic union at the park in conjunction with the picnic. It is planned to distribute 200,000 tickets.

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Daily the activities of candidates multiply at board of elections headquarters.

This ticket for Independence village was filed yesterday: For mayor, Frank Wisnieski; for treasurer, Louis P. Prehn; for clerk, A. J. Goudy; for marshal, Fred W. Merkle; for board of education, Edward Green and William A. Edgar; for council, E. Lambacher, Grant Cash, Frank R. Castle, J. G. Blessing and Charles Sizler.

These candidates for offices in Euclid township filed petitions: For trustees Jacob Sulzer, George Jaeger and John L. Fielitz; for clerk, Louis Harms; for treasurer, E. T. Schroeder; for justice of the peace, J. W. Dean; for constable, J. H. Bilkey.

These candidates for ward a[illegible] ships in the city filed their p[illegible] T. C. Cerny, Ward 14; O. J. [illegible] gher, Ward 8; Calvin J. [illegible] Ward 20.

These Middleburg township candidates took out petitions: C. F. Eckert and C. M. Sprague for trustee; T. J. Poole for justice of the peace; Paul G. Mohler for clerk.

These Newburg Heights candidates received petitions: H. E. Volmar, for mayor; A. T. Schmitt, George J. Fellers and George Munz, for council.

These candidates for assessorships received petitions: C. Weisenbach, Maple Heights village; James A. Scanlon, Ward 24; J. D. McKesson, Ward 6; E. J. Langman, Ward 4; C. H. Deuse, Ward 18.

George J. Siedel received petitions to run for constable in Strongsville.

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Members of the club boosting the candidacy of Gordon W. Ruthenburg for council in Ward 20 met last night in the Bismarck, Huron-rd S. E. F. A. Smith is president and Fred Cofall, secretary of the organization. Campaign plans were discussed.

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Miner G. Norton spoke last night before the fourth ward Republican club at a meeting at 3130 Lorain-av. Mr. Norton declared himself in the mayoralty race to stay.

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Supporters of Thomas W. Fleming, candidate for council in Ward 11, at a meeting last night at 2828 Central-av S. E. formulated plans to launch a campaign committee of 100. This committee of five was named to select the large committee: J. W[illegible] ter Wills, chairman; Daniel D. [illegible] er, secretary; Dr. E. A. Dale [illegible] come T. Blue and Charles W[illegible] t was announced the candidate has chosen N. D. Brascher as his campaign manager.

WITT'S OWN ISSUES ARE HIS CAMPAIGN

Democratic Mayoralty Candidate to Make Such Planks as He Sees Fit.

City's Finances, Reduced Electric Rates Part of His Ammunition.

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Peter Witt intends to a large extent to make his own campaign issues.

This loomed as a distinctive pre-election factor yesterday when the lines of his campaign, laid and drawn, became known. The street railway commissioner and candidate for mayor stands ready for the whirlwind fight he expects to wage through October.

Forcing the Witt ideas to the front, the candidate will take into full account the city's financial situation as a chief problem, will advocate saving to the city taxation shares that now go to the state and county, will drive home his challenge that the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. reduce its resident rates to 3 cents before March 1, 1916, and incidentally will take frequent occasion to speak of Dan R. Hanna.

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Petitions Filed Soon.

The Witt petitions will be filed early next month. He will waste no ammunition until after Oct. 1, but there will be no mistaking who he is nor what office he seeks from then until Nov. 2.

"That isn't an issue," is no remonstrance to Mr. Witt regarding any of the points he will advocate.

"I'll make it an issue," he asserts.

One plank in the Witt platform charges that the people of Cleveland yearly are "robbed" of $1,400,000 in taxes, a condition which the candidate will propose be remedied that the city may retain that amount. The total is composed, Mr. Witt will state, of $500,000 raised here annually which goes to the state for road improvement elsewhere; $400,000 which he says the city pays for road-making outside Cleveland in Cuyahoga county, and $500,000 of the liquor tax raised in Cleveland which goes to the state.

Mr. Witt will urge consolidation of the two existent telephone companies. He also will have a plank urging the doing away with bond issues for repaving in the city, advocating that 20 per cent. of the cost of renewals be paid by persons living on the streets and 80 per cent. raised by a tax on the land values of the city at large, an application of the single tax doctrine.

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These to be elaborated in detail, and others that will evolve as he launches his campaign, will essentially be Witt issues, every one. The commissioner serves notice, too, that he intends to carry them home to other candidates.

Not only will the ideas and methods of his campaign be his own.

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Higher Rate to Keep New Building Warm Is Demanded by Officials of Illuminating Plant.

Prohibitive cost of extending and enlarging mains was given by Illuminating Company officials yesterday as a reason for refusing to accept an ordinance to furnish steam heat at present rates for the new city hall.

The company outlined its position in a communication to the city council. Its refusal to accept the ordinance means the city hall may have to do without heat, unless a settlement can be made with the company. Mayor Baker instructed the city law department to take necessary steps to force the company to furnish heat.

The company suggested it be allowed to charge a sum sufficient to earn the interest and depreciation upon the cost of new conduits, or that the city build a line to connect with the company's Canal rd. plant.

"The refusal to accept the ordinance should not be misconstrued as a refusal to furnish heat to the public," said S. C. D. Johns, secretary of the company. "The company is anxious to render an adequate steam heating service to all."

The company pointed out the city hall territory is in the district covered by the franchise of the Bradley Light, Heat & Power Co.

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COUNCILMAN TO MAKE FIGHT ON BAKER'S FRIEND

Stolte Will Help Italian Voters in Plea Fellow Countryman Get Job.

Efforts of Mayor Baker to make an assistant police prosecutor of his friend and former townsman, George B. Folk, Alta House settlement worker, late of Martinsburg, W. Va., promised Wednesday to develop into a bitter fight in council with Councilman Stolte leading the opposition.

Stolte says he intends to demand that council act on the appointment of Folk under a law signed by former Governor Cox, which provided that council shall approve the appointment of assistant prosecutors.

Backed by 1,500 Italian voters in his ward, Stolte made a losing fight for the appointment of Attorney Dominic Lombardo, 2181 Cornell rd. Baker appointed Folk over Stolte's opposition.

Baker's action in ignoring the indorsement given Lombardo by the Nineteenth Ward Democratic Club and the appeals of the Italian voters is criticized by Charles Ranallo, 12101 Mayfield rd., treasurer of the club and one of the leading Italian-American Democratic workers.

"Mayor Baker seems to be doing all he can to hurt Witt's chances as a mayoralty candidate," Ranallo said. "The turning down of Lombardo to appoint his former townsman will not help Baker or the Democratic party. There are 6,000 Italian votes in Cleveland and a majority of them are Democratic. We all favored Lombardo and fail to see how Folk has any claim to an appointment. He only recently came to Cleveland and has never done anything for the Democratic party."

Stolte said that in addition to the six minority members of council he expected to muster a sufficient number of Democratic votes to block Folk's appointment. In his fight against Folk it was said Stolte will have the support of friends of Peter Witt.

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SEE NEW DEPOT IN FOUR YEARS

City Officials Say Ordinance Makes This Possible.

Cleveland will have a new union station in four years, if the people this fall support the ordinance drafted by the city and railroad attorneys.

This was the view of city officials Wednesday when they learned the new draft of the ordinance will contain provisions that the depot building must be completed three years after work is started.

The date for starting work is fixed at the time when the city shall trade its 50-acre Bath-st tract, at the mouth of the Cuyahoga river, for an equal acreage of land and water east of E. Ninth-st.

Mayor Baker said Wednesday this means the depot shall be started as soon as the deeds are exchanged. This can be done as soon as a harbor line is established.

With the city and railroads co-operating, establishment of the line should not take more than a year.

TO FORCE C. E. I. TO SUPPLY HEAT

City May Take Court Action, Says Baker.

Unless the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. appeals to the public utilities commission, the city will take court action to compel the company to furnish steam heat for the new city hall, Mayor Baker said Wednesday.

The city will wait a reasonable time to give the company the chance given them, by law, to appeal. Then if an appeal is not made, so that the matter can be settled by the state, madamus proceedings will be commenced.

Possibility that the difficulty resulting from the company's refusal to accept council's order to lay the pipes will delay opening of the new city hall Dec. 3 was minimized by Server Sidlo.

"The company is bound to serve us under its general ordinance," Sidlo said. "To refuse us is to refuse to furnish downtown service to an old customer."

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CLUBS MUST GET LICENSES OR SHUT DOWN THEIR BARS

Cleveland Social and Fraternal Orders Learn Final Ruling From State License Officials.

Ohio Law Interpreted as Making No Discrimination Between Saloons and Clubs' Selling.

MAYOR GETS PROTEST FROM THOSE AFFECTED

Benesch Will Sit on Lid When Word Comes From Columbus.

Cleveland's social and fraternal clubs maintaining bars and having no state license, must close their bars until they obtain licenses from the state. If they persist in operating bars without licenses in violation of the law, they make themselves ineligible for licenses if they apply.

This was the bomb shell dropped from official sources at Columbus yesterday.

The explosion took place just after representatives of Cleveland's largest fraternal and social organizations called at city hall to file a brief with Mayor Newton D. Baker advancing argument for the continued operation of club bars without licenses.

Get Reply From Inquiry.

The word from Columbus is in response to an inquiry forwarded to Attorney General E. C. Turner by Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch. Several weeks ago the director issued a no-liquor order to Cleveland's leading social and fraternal clubs.

Later there was a partial rescinding of the order. Clubs were notified that temporarily they would be permitted to sell liquor on week days as the claim was made they had been informed by liquor license authorities they did not have to obtain licenses.

Following this order the director forwarded a letter to the attorney general asking for an opinion. The attorney general referred the letter to the state liquor board and Chairman Byron Clendenning announced yesterday that clubs would have to obtain licenses and that no other order or understanding has ever existed.

"As soon as I obtain this notice from Columbus, the ruling must be enforced," said Director Benesch. "In the meantime I will read the brief filed with the mayor. I am going to make no recommendation until I read the brief."

The brief was filed with Mayor Baker by Attorney E. P. Strong. German-American social organizations, the Elks and the Moose were represented at the meeting. In addition to Attorney Strong, Assistant County Prosecutor Samuel Doerfler, Assistant City Law Director J. P. Mooney, Councilman J. J. McGinty and former Councilman John Sulzmann were present at the meeting as representatives of the clubs.

Attorneys Strong, Doerfler and Mooney all advanced legal argument in support of the contention that social and fraternal organizations could not be classed with saloons and that the law applying to the sale of liquor could not be enforced in the conduct of a club. The brief filed contained opinions given by courts of other states on this question.

Sees Men Defrauded.

"If you are going to have every little group get up a club the man who is paying $1,000 to the state for a liquor license is being defrauded," said the mayor.

When it was proposed the police could determine which social clubs ought to be permitted to sell liquor the mayor declared he did not favor allowing this matter to rest entirely in the hands of the police.

Attorney Strong declared the matter had been settled definitely in other states and that the Cleveland clubs wanted a definite policy established.

"If we are violating the law we want to apply for licenses," said Attorney Strong. "If we don't have to have licenses we feel that we want to operate on Sunday."

The mayor stated the brief would be given consideration by the city law department and the discussion verged into the general liquor question.

Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch believes the cases cited in the brief might not apply to Ohio because of the wording of the Ohio liquor license law.

"In the Ohio law there is no reference to saloons," he said. "It merely prohibits the sale of liquor in places where no licenses have been obtained."

A feature of the Cleveland situation that was pointd to in the letter forwarded by the director to the attorney general is that certain clubs are in territory voted dry. Clubs in territory not voted dry may be able to obtain licenses in October, but the decision, it is said, will hit the other clubs with particular force.

At Columbus yesterday Chairman Clendenning of the state liquor board said no clubs had been permitted to sell liquor and that the board had used its inspectors much of the time to apprehend clubs in violation. According to the Columbus report, social and fraternal clubs in other cities operating bars obtained licenses at the regular time and in the regular way and have observed the Sunday and midnight closing provisions of the law.

Cleveland appears to be the only city that did not take this precaution, although former Attorney General Hogan ruled at that time that clubs operating bars must have saloon licenses even when selling only to members and guests.

In Columbus and Cincinnati the clubs obtained the desired license. There has been no ruling from either the present nor the former attorney general that would classify a club as differing from saloons for the purpose of license. As the law stands clubs with bars must have license or cease to operate the bar.

Authorities at Columbus agreed the first drastic order given by Director Benesch was exactly in accordance with the law. His subsequent order that permitted them to run their bars on week days, as he stated in his letter, was not in compliance with the law as it has been construed from the first. The unanimous verdict of the state authorities is that the clubs without licenses must not operate bars at any time even for members.

At Cincinnati yesterday Liquor License Commissioners Wright and Marscheuser said they did not expect to take action against clubs which Internal Revenue Collector A. E. Gilligan compelled to pay the government tax for having liquor in possession.

"The only charge we could hope to sustain would be that of 'bootlegging' and that only in cases where tickets were issued and the liquor sold to outside persons," the commissioners said. "If a number of persons calling themselves a club contribute money to and buy a keg of beer, which they drink in company, without selling to another outside person, a charge of bootlegging would not hold against them.

"We could not convict in a state court on admissions made to a federal officer of violations of a federal statute. We would have to proceed in the state courts. The Dow tax could not be assessed against these clubs because that is provided only in cases where licenses to sell liquor are granted."

Liquor Petitions Are Coldly Received Here

A rigid reception was given referendum petitions on the McDermott liquor license law, when circulation was started yesterday under direction of A. C. Bender, Republican, who recently was expected to displace E. W. Horn on the Cuyahoga county license board.

The petitions were placed in various saloons for signatures, but they disappeared almost magically. Men who were asking for signatures declared they were to obtain 5 cents a name.

Representatives of the Republican state administration deny fathering the petition and the county Democratic organization has repudiated it. The liberal element in the city charges the Anti-Saloon league with being back of the proposition. The drys deny having anything to do with the referendum.

Work of organizing to defeat the McDermott law has been started in the several counties of the state.

Instructions are said to have been issued by the liquor dealers not to allow the petitions to be placed or signed in saloons.

Gov. Willis at Columbus again had Frank Hay and M. M. Rose, new state liquor license commissioners, in his office for a long time yesterday afternoon. They denied any connection with the McDermott referendum. The governor questioned them closely.

Last night the Democratic press bureau got out another statement calling on the governor to make good his word that he is sincerely against the referendum and making much of the governor's statement at Zanesville in which he asserted that a few Republican office holders were mixed up in the referendum matter.

The Democratic bureau also calls attention to the fact that the general assembly made appropriations to continue the state liquor license department although it is abolished by the McDermott bill.

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CLUBS MUST GET LICENSE TO SELL WET GOODS HERE

Liquor Board Hits Possible Knockout Blow to Hope for "Damp" Sunday.

The long arm of the state liquor license commission hit the hope for moist Sundays a stinging, maybe a knockout, blow yesterday as representatives of social and fraternal organizations were pleading with Mayor Baker to rescind Director of Public Safety Benesch's mandate closing the social and fraternal organizations' unlicensed bars.

Commissioner Clendenning, of the state board at Columbus, declared that any club or other organization selling liquor without a license was violating the liquor law. He emphatically stated that the board had never intimated in any way that incorporated clubs were exempt from the law.

Answers Benesch's Letter.

The license commissioner's statement was in answer to a letter from Director of Public Safety Benesch, addressed to Attorney General Turner, but turned over to the license board. It asked for a ruling on the sale of liquor in incorporated clubs. Turner said it was not within his province to give such a ruling.

In his communication Benesch stated that following his action in clamping the lid down on Cleveland clubs several days ago he was informed that there existed a ruling of the state board that incorporated clubs are not subject to all the provisions of the license law.

Benesch declared last night that as soon as Clendenning's statement reached him in official form he would enforce it to the letter.

Batters Thirsty Hopes.

This shattered hopes of many thirsty club members that Mayor Baker would lift the ban placed upon the operation of club bars by Benesch. The argument presented to Mayor Baker yesterday by E. P. Strong, attorney representing the Elks, was chiefly a legal one, a brief setting forth court decisions in other states upon the question at issue. Baker promised to have the law department pass upon it.

"At first glance it hardly looks fair to make a man who pays a license fee of $1,000 a year stand competition with someone who does not," he said. "If we allow every little club to sell liquor the man who pays a license fee is defrauded."

Strong, Assistant City Law Director Mooney, Councilman McGinty, former Councilman Sulzmann, John White and James Delaney attended the meeting. They represented the Elks, Eagles, Moose and German societies.

FIREMAN LEAVING AUTOIST TO BURN AROUSES BAKER

Mayor Rebukes Benesch for Approving Department Ignoring Suburb Appeal for Help.

Director of Public Safety Benesch's defense of the fire department for refusing to send apparatus outside the city to an automobile fire in which a man perished yesterday, drew a rebuke from Mayor Baker. Benesch approved the department's action on the ground that the alarm had not come through authorized channels, officials of the suburb in which the accident occurred.

He declared that this departmental rule was inflexible. The department refused to respond to an appeal for assistance when Edward Corrigan, 4501 Ravine ave., burned to death beneath an overturned automobile on Broadview rd. yesterday.

"I would assume an emergency of this kind was superior to any rule," said Baker. He declared he would look into the matter further.

Benesch declared firemen did absolutely right in obeying orders, although a police emergency ambulance responded to the call.

"Firemen could not tell whether it was a fake call unless the request was made in the code of suburban officials," said Benesch. "In this case they would have been of no assistance as the nearest fire apparatus was three miles away."

Corrigan was burned when an automobile carrying himself and William Passnow, 2709 Woodridge ave., caught fire after striking a tree in front of the home of John Aurelius, Broadview rd., Brooklyn. Passnow escaped with minor bruises. Inspector Shattuck said police did right in responding to the call.

Funeral services for Corrigan will be held from St. Patrick's church, Bridge ave., near Fulton rd., Monday.

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MAKES NEW BRIDGE FREE TO RAILWAY

County Officials Heed Protest of Witt Against Rental Plans.

Board to Start Work to Provide for Subway Approaches.

Emphatic opposition from Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt yesterday caused county officials to abandon the plan of asking a rental from the Cleveland Railway Co. for the use of the $1,500,000 subway approaches to the Superior high level bridge. The entire matter was discussed at a meeting in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday. The mayor sided with the traction commissioner during the debate, which at one time became heated.

"Suppose we say our financial condition is such that we must close our bridge to street car traffic unless we get a rental," remarked Assistant County Prosecutor F. W. Green.

"Try it!" exclaimed the street railway commissioner. "You won't dare. Why should the car riders have to pay this rental? Why not make the other vehicle users pay as well? The subway will benefit them. It is part of the bridge. Why should the cost fall upon the car riders?"

Mayor Baker finally suggested that a contract be entered into with the railway company whereby the company will continue to have the right to free use of the subway approaches as long as the Tayler grant with its municipal control provisions and 6 per cent. dividend clauses are in effect. Such a contract will be drafted and the city council will be asked to delegate to the county its authority for the construction of the subways in the streets approaching the new bridge.

Tomorrow county commissioners will authorize County Surveyor W. A. Stinchcomb to proceed with the portion of the bridge that will commit the county to the subway approach plan. It has been rumored that litigation will result and that the right of the county to proceed with this plan will be questioned. The county legal department has ruled that the county may issue bonds for the subway.

The new bridge, exclusive of the subways, will cost $3,800,000. The subway approaches will bring the total cost to $5,300,000. The eastern subway will extend beneath Superior-av N. W. to the Public square.

The street railway commissioner declared yesterday that in his opinion this subway was not necessary. The proposed subways in W. 25th-st and in Detroit-av N. W. are a decided necessity in his opinion, because of traffic conditions created by the bridge itself. "This condition was created by the county," he said. "It is up to the county to rectify it."

When it was suggested that the principle that the street railway commissioner wished to adhere to would result in establishment of a toll system, Commissioner Witt declared that he was willing to have the toll gate put in at the approaches to the bridge.

"There is no more reason why the car riders should pay the rental for the subways than they should pay the interest on the bridge bonds," said Mr. Witt. "Why should car riders be taxed more than auto drivers or pedestrians?"

"This same argument regarding the Cleveland Railway Co. was advanced when it came to taxing the company," said the assistant county prosecutor.

"The county should never have built this bridge." said the street railway commissioner. "It is a political bridge."

"My own belief is that you have inherited a white elephant," said the mayor. The discussion then lapsed into the matter of city and county tax burdens and jurisdiction, and the county surveyor exclaimed in the midst of it: "Abolish us!"

The circle plan proposed for the west entrance to the bridge as a means of doing away with the necessity for a subway at the west approach was characterized yesterday by the county surveyor as a "ring around a rosie" scheme that would not overcome congestion. The county surveyor also stated that the Chamber of Commerce representatives favor the subway in Superior-av N. W. and abandonment of the easterr end of the old Superior vaiduct.

WITT MAY ASK DEFEAT OF TERMINAL FRANCHISE

Will Oppose C. & Y. Project Unless Union Station Question is Settled.

Peter Witt, street railway commissioner and candidate for mayor, yesterday announced he would advocate defeat of the Cleveland & Youngstow freight terminal franchise unless ne gotiations between the city and th railroads for a union station are set tled beyond all question of a doubt

Mr. Witt is the administration can didate for mayor, and the grant is ai administration measure. The attitud taken by the commissioner is almost identical with that expressed by anti-administration councilmen, who fought the measure on the ground that some station assurances should be obtained from the railroads.

Mr. Witt charged that the New York Central is heavily interested in the franchise. "So let's use it as a club," he said. This also reflects the attitude of the minority members of council.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, who championed the franchise, would not discuss the position announced by Commissioner Witt.

"I'll just say that the station negotiations are progressing finely," said the mayor.

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RAILWAY WILL USE SUBWAYS FREE OF RENT

Witt Wins Fight for Car Company as Break Threatened—Charge Was to Be Made.

Subway approaches to the new high level bridge will be used by the Cleveland Railway Company without cost, city and county officials decided at a special meeting yesterday. The subways, which will be constructed by the county, will cost about $2,250,000.

County commissioners agreed to allow the company free use of the tubes after Street Railway Commissioner Witt declared he would oppose their use by the company if it had to pay rental.

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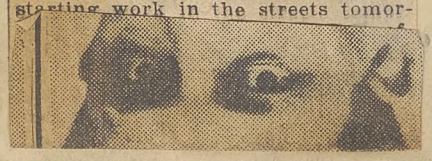
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Baker made a personal inspection of the dump yesterday, following a visit of a delegation of fourth ward residents to his office. The dump is located in Walworth run, between W. 41st and W. 44th sts.

Apparently private parties are operating the dump," said Baker. "Conditions are terrible and the city will do all it can to help bring relief to the property owners in the vicinity."

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Land Sale Bill to be Subject of Public Discussions.

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NEW DEPOT GRANT GOES TO COUNCIL

Referendums on C. & Y. and Barber Freight Subway Measures Also to Be Considered---Electrification Up.

Separate Ordinance Drawn to Cover Agreement of Terminal Builders to Abolish Smoke Evil.

Council Monday night was to vote on the ordinance that assures Cleveland a new union depot if it is ratified at the polls next November.

At the same time council was to authorize a referendum vote on the C. & Y. freight terminal grant and the Barber E. 55th-st subway franchise, on which referendum petitions have been filed.

Finishing touches to the new depot ordinance were made by Mayor Baker and Law Director Stockwell at a conference with New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad attorneys Monday.

The ordinance has been approved by both Alfred H. Smith, president of the New York Central, and J. J. Turner, vice president of the Pennsylvania.

Grant Worries Officials.

How to act upon the agreement of C. & Y. officials to have an electrification amendment added to their grant worried city officials Monday.

City Clerk Collins ruled the C. & Y. grant can't be amended because referendum petitions on it have been filed. Councilman Bernstein, backer of the referendum, who opposed the grant, also asserted the charter wouldn't permit amending the ordinance.

It was finally decided the electrification agreement of the C. & Y. would be presented to council as a separate ordinance.

Tractioner Witt, mayoralty candidate, announced Monday he wouldn't plead from the stump this fall either for or against the union depot grant, the C. & Y. grant or the Barber subway franchise, if he was sure the depot ordinance would mean a new depot within four years.

Must Begin Work Soon.

The depot ordinance provides that construction must start within six months from the day the roads are given deeds to the depot site, for which they pay the city $1,400,000. Mayor Baker says the deeds should be transferred within three months after election. There is no stipulation as to the time of the transfer in the ordinance.

The depot must be finished within three years from date of beginning construction.

"Our position on the C. & Y. electrification ordinance can't be announced until we see what the ordinance reads like," said E. H. Whitlock, chairman of the chamber of commerce's smoke prevention committee.

"I consider the proposed electrification measure satisfactory," said Victor Sincere of the Bailey Co.

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WANT $100,000 TO AID C. & Y.'S GRANT

—PETER WITT.

Certain Opponents of Measure Charged by Street Railway Commissioner.

People to Vote on Terminal, Barber Subway, Grade Crossing Bonds.

Debate at last night's council meeting reached a white hot stage when Street Railroad Commissioner Peter Witt declared he had been told that certain interests which opposed the Cleveland & Youngstown franchise had asked for $100,000 for the withdrawal of their opposition.

Asked by Councilman W. B. Woods to explain this statement. Commissioner Witt declared his assertion did not apply to members of council but to other interests that had opposed the grant.

"I heard that they wanted $100,000," he said. "Then they said they would be satisfied with $5,000."

This clash took place when Councilman W. S. FitzGerald asked the commissioner to explain his attitude on the Cleveland & Youngtown and new union depot projects.

"The street railway commissioner is the only transportation expert we have," he said. "He has stated publicly he believes the New York Central is interested in the Cleveland & Youngstown project and that he would be against the grant if they would not agree to build the new union depot. The commissioner should tell this council where he obtained this information. It was denied that the New York Central was behind the Cleveland & Youngstown terminal project. If the commissioner's statement is true then it is fair to say the legislation was obtained through misrepresentation."

"The difference between my opposition and the minority's is that I believe a high level terminal would be a good thing and that if the railroads agree to build a depot I'll vote for it," said the commissioner. "I got my information about the same time I heard that opposition to the grant wanted $100,000 to defeat the opposition.

"Does the commissioner refer to members of this council in his statement regarding this $100,000?" asked Councilman Woods, rising to his feet. The commissioner then explained his previous statement and made it plain that his reference was not to members of council.

Council unanimously voted to submit the Cleveland & Youngstown and Barber subway grants to a vote of the people Nov. 2. City Clerk R. E. Collins reported that the referendum petitions were sufficient.

The council also voted to submit the amendment to the charter fixing a minimum pay of $2.50 a day for employes of contractors on city jobs. The people also were authorized to vote on the question of a special levy of 1-4 mill to raise $2,000,000 for the completion of the sewage disposal plant.

Ordinances authorizing a special election on the issue of $1,600,000 grade crossing bonds and on the issue of $1,500,000 deficiency bonds were introduced.

The council will meet as a committee of the whole Friday afternoon to consider the Union depot ordinance. The ordinance as drafted authorizes the people to vote Nov. 2 on a contract including the sale of the property in Lakeview park for depot purposes, the trade of the fifty acres of Bath-st property and a number of vacated streets for sixty acres east of E. 9th-st, and the settlement of the long pending Whisky island controversy.

The union station building must be commenced within six months after the property transfers are made. It must be completed within three years after work is started.

Councilman A. J. Damm offered a resolution asking Building Commissioner V. D. Allen to explain his policy in the matter of granting permits for the alteration of store fronts.

'Bunk,' Says Witt of Council Rail Plans

"Bunk" was the expression used at council committee meetings yesterday by Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt in expressing his opinion of two street railway measures up for consideration. One of the measures related to the alteration of schedules on the Lorain-av car line and the other proposed fixing a maximum rate of speed of twenty miles an hour for all street cars in Cleveland.

The resolution asking readjustment of Lorain-av schedules was offered by Councilman David Moylan. Representatives of the street railway men's union were present at the meeting to urge a change in schedules that would result in working time arrangements satisfactory to employes.

No action was taken on either measure. Chairman Robert Koch suggested that further data be obtained before a vote is taken on the Lorain-av resolution.

Without opposition or debate the ordinance authorizing the extension of a new cross town line on E. 123d-st and E. 125th-st was passed last evening. The line will be coupled with the Superior-av service. The tracks will be extended from Superior-av N. E. to St. Clair-av N. E. by way of E. 123d-st, Alling-av N. E. and E. 125th-st

Purchase of additional property at Harvard-av S. E. and E. 55th-st was authorized in a resolution offered last evening and referred to committee.

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MONEY ASKED BY C. & Y. FOES, WITT CHARGES

$100,000 Sought to End Fight on Terminal, Tells Council.

NO NAMES MENTIONED

Evades Fitz Gerald's Demands for Proof That N. Y. Central Backs Project.

Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt made a direct charge on the floor of the council chamber last night that opponents of the Cleveland & Youngstown railway franchise grant had offered to withdraw their opposition to the measure for $100,000 and later reduced this figure to $5,000.

Witt's statement furnished the climax for a session of council surcharged with tense feeling. It was made in answer to pointed questions by Councilman FitzGerald as to where, how and when Witt obtained information he stated he was in possession of a few days ago that the New York Central lines were back of the Cleveland & Youngstown project.

"I learned of it at the same time I got the information that certain opposition to the Cleveland & Youngstown grant had offered to lay down for $100,000," Witt answered, passionately, rising in his seat.

"That doesn't answer my question," flung back FitzGerald. "I insist upon a direct answer."

"Minority Not Meant."

Councilman Woods leaped to his feet and interrupted FitzGerald and Witt.

"Do you mean any of the minority councilmen by that charge?" he demanded of Witt.

"No, I do not," responded the traction commissioner.

From all sides of the council chamber there were shouts, some in support of Witt, others urging that FitzGerald be heard.

Again Councilman FitzGerald directed his demand upon Witt for an answer.

"Your reply does not answer my question," he contended." "I insist upon a direct answer as to when you obtained the information that the New York Central was back of the Cleveland & Youngstown."

But Witt went back to his charge that there had been an offer to "lay down" on the opposition to the measure. He faced FitzGerald over the heads of the other councilmen and cried out:

"My first answer was incorrect. The opposition later offered to throw up the sponge for $5,000."

Thompson Stops Turmoil.

Again FitzGerald put his original question to Witt, but out of the hubbub in the council chamber, one member's voice arose crying for a point of order, and President Thompson seized on this as an opportunity to end the turmoil. He stopped the argument, ruling that the controversy was not in order.

The row broke just as Thompson had announced that the clerk of the council had certified to the authenticity and sufficiency of the referendum petitions on the Cleveland & Youngstown and Barber subway franchise grants.

Witt had just left the chamber when Councilman FitzGerald arose and asked that the traction commissioner be called back, as he wished to question him concerning a statement Witt made a few days ago that he knew the New York Central was back of the Cleveland & Youngstown project. Witt was quoted as saying he was opposed to the franchise because he believed it should be used as a club to force the railroad into a union depot agreement. As Witt reentered the council chamber and took his seat, FitzGerald said:

Should Have Reported it.

"If the traction commissioner knew the New York Central was back of the Cleveland & Youngstown grant, he was directed in his duty in not reporting it when the franchise was up for consideration. At that time minority councilmen made this charge and it was laughed at. If Witt's statement is true then the ordinance was passed under misrepresentation. I wish to ask the traction commissioner where he got his information, when he got it and from what source."

Witt's charge came in answer to this statement of FitzGerald.

President Thompson after the council adjourned said that he was satisfied Witt did not have any council members in mind when he made his sensational charges.

"Witt's statements were not directed at any member of the council, either on the majority or the minority side," he said. "I was satisfied of this and since it was not any part of the council's business to continue the controversy I ruled the discussion out of order and stopped it."

FIRST OFFICIAL MOVE IS MADE FOR BIG DEPOT

Ordinance Providing That City Contract With Railroads for Station, Presented Council.

A new union passenger station, long a mirage in Cleveland's vision, was made practically a reality last night.

Years of tedious controversy ended with the introduction of depot legislation into the city council, carrying with it the promise of the actual beginning of work upon the structure within a few months.

The ordinance introduced last night directs Mayor Baker to enter into a contract with the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads for the sale of thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land for a depot site for $1,400,000. It authorizes the exchange of the city's thirty-acre holdings at W. 9th st. for an equal acreage east of E. 9th st.

Further provision for surrendering street ends touching the lake on Whisky island and acquiring riparian ownership of land between E. 9th st. and E. 26th st. is made. This paves the way for settling the entire lakefront controversy, in Mayor Baker's opinion.

Will Be up to Voters.

The ordinance was referred to a committee of the whole council, and will come up next Friday. If approved by the council the legislation will be submitted to voters for ratification at the November election.

Railroads agree to start work upon a station within six months after deeds for the lakefront land are exchanged. The structure is to be completed within three years.

Other important propositions are to be passed upon by voters this fall through action taken by the council last night. They are:

Granting the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad a franchise for freight terminals in the Broadway-Orange ave. district.

Giving the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company a franchise for a four-track freight subway in E. 55th st. and Broadway.

Increasing the annual tax levy by one-fourth of a mill to pay interest and sinking fund charges upon bonds for sewage disposal plants.

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Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt made a direct charge on the floor of the council chamber last night that opponents of the Cleveland & Youngstown railway franchise grant had offered to withdraw their opposition to the measure for $100,000 and later reduced this figure to $5,000.

Witt's statement furnished the climax for a session of council surcharged with tense feeling. It was made in answer to pointed questions by Councilman FitzGerald as to where, how and when Witt obtained information he stated he was in possession of a few days ago that the New York Central lines were back of the Cleveland & Youngstown project.

"I learned of it at the same time I got the information that certain opposition to the Cleveland & Youngstown grant had offered to lay down for $100,000," Witt answered, passionately, rising in his seat.

"That doesn't answer my question," flung back FitzGerald. "I insist upon a direct answer."

"Minority Not Meant."

Councilman Woods leaped to his feet and interrupted FitzGerald and Witt.

"Do you mean any of the minority councilmen by that charge?" he demanded of Witt.

"No, I do not," responded the traction commissioner.

From all sides of the council chamber there were shouts, some in support of Witt, others urging that FitzGerald be heard.

Again Councilman FitzGerald directed his demand upon Witt for an answer.

"Your reply does not answer my question," he contended." "I insist upon a direct answer as to when you obtained the information that the New York Central was back of the Cleveland & Youngstown."

But Witt went back to his charge that there had been an offer to "lay down" on the opposition to the measure. He faced FitzGerald over the heads of the other councilmen and cried out:

"My first answer was incorrect. The opposition later offered to throw up the sponge for $5,000."

Thompson Stops Turmoil.

Again FitzGerald put his original question to Witt, but out of the hubbub in the council chamber, one member's voice arose crying for a point of order, and President Thompson seized on this as an opportunity to end the turmoil. He stopped the argument, ruling that the controversy was not in order.

The row broke just as Thompson had announced that the clerk of the council had certified to the authenticity and sufficiency of the referendum petitions on the Cleveland & Youngstown and Barber subway franchise grants.

Witt had just left the chamber when Councilman FitzGerald arose and asked that the traction commissioner be called back, as he wished to question him concerning a statement Witt made a few days ago that he knew the New York Central was back of the Cleveland & Youngstown project. Witt was quoted as saying he was opposed to the franchise because he believed it should be used as a club to force the railroad into a union depot agreement. As Witt reentered the council chamber and took his seat, FitzGerald said:

Should Have Reported it.

"If the traction commissioner knew the New York Central was back of the Cleveland & Youngstown grant, he was directed in his duty in not reporting it when the franchise was up for consideration. At that time minority councilmen made this charge and it was laughed at. If Witt's statement is true then the ordinance was passed under misrepresentation. I wish to ask the traction commissioner where he got his information, when he got it and from what source."

Witt's charge came in answer to this statement of FitzGerald.

President Thompson after the council adjourned said that he was satisfied Witt did not have any council members in mind when he made his sensational charges.

"Witt's statements were not directed at any member of the council, either on the majority or the minority side," he said. "I was satisfied of this and since it was not any part of the council's business to continue the controversy I ruled the discussion out of order and stopped it."

FIRST OFFICIAL MOVE IS MADE FOR BIG DEPOT

Ordinance Providing That City Contract With Railroads for Station, Presented Council.

A new union passenger station, long a mirage in Cleveland's vision, was made practically a reality last night.

Years of tedious controversy ended with the introduction of depot legislation into the city council, carrying with it the promise of the actual beginning of work upon the structure within a few months.

The ordinance introduced last night directs Mayor Baker to enter into a contract with the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads for the sale of thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land for a depot site for $1,400,000. It authorizes the exchange of the city's thirty-acre holdings at W. 9th st. for an equal acreage east of E. 9th st.

Further provision for surrendering street ends touching the lake on Whisky island and acquiring riparian ownership of land between E. 9th st. and E. 26th st. is made. This paves the way for settling the entire lakefront controversy, in Mayor Baker's opinion.

Will Be up to Voters.

The ordinance was referred to a committee of the whole council, and will come up next Friday. If approved by the council the legislation will be submitted to voters for ratification at the November election.

Railroads agree to start work upon a station within six months after deeds for the lakefront land are exchanged. The structure is to be completed within three years.

Other important propositions are to be passed upon by voters this fall through action taken by the council last night. They are:

Granting the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad a franchise for freight terminals in the Broadway-Orange ave. district.

Giving the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company a franchise for a four-track freight subway in E. 55th st. and Broadway.

Increasing the annual tax levy by one-fourth of a mill to pay interest and sinking fund charges upon bonds for sewage disposal plants.

Establishing a minimum wage of $2.50 per day for [illegible] carried on by contrac[illegible]

Amending city charte[illegible] Lakewood and East [illegible] ward councilmen, in ca[illegible] nexation to Cleveland.

Legislation to submit the [illegible] of issuing $1,500,000 in bonds t[illegible] out existing deficits in operating [illegible] penses and authorizing a vote upon issuing a $1,600,000 grade crossing bond issue was introduced.

The depot ordinance provides that the city and railroads are to ask the federal government to establish a harbor line 2,000 feet south of the present breakwater from E. 9th st. to E. 26th st. The establishment of this harbor line has been held up for [illegible] for lakefront [illegible] agree to fill [illegible] point 700 feet [illegible]e. The city [illegible] co-operate in [illegible] owned by acquiring lakefront land and private the federal government a[illegible] E. 9th st. property owners between E[illegible]all is and E. 26th st. The proposed [illegible] to be seven feet above the water line.

Railroads are to build bridges across W. 3d st, E. 9th st. and E. 14th st., the city paying 35 per cent of the cost of structures crossing present tracks. W. 9th st., W. 6th st. and E. 12th st. are to be vacated north of the present railroad tracks. Str[illegible] touching the lakefront in [illegible] island are to be vacated b[illegible] They have been used by r[illegible] a number of years.

The proposed union stat[illegible] built to conform to publ[illegible] in the city group plan.

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MYSTERY HIDES C. & Y. FOES WITT SAYS ASK CASH

Tractioner Refuses to Name Men Who He Says He Heard Demand $100,000 to Kill Opposition to Grant.

President of C. & Y. Company Says He Knows Nothing of the Assertion---Witt and Councilman Engage in Warm Tiff.

Mystery surrounds the identity of the person or persons who, Tractioner Witt charges, offered to kill opposition to the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal grant for $100,000.

Witt won't tell who told him that a $100,000 proposal had been made to the C. & Y. Others either refuse to discuss the matter or deny knowledge of it.

Witt told what he had heard on the floor of council Monday night, when council was considering the ordinance to submit the C. & Y. grant to the voters.

As soon as City Clerk Collins had certified to council that the C. & Y. referendum petitions circulated by the citizens referendum league were sufficient, Minority Leader Fitzgerald obtained the floor.

Fitzgerald read Witt's statement of last Saturday:

"If present negotiations between the city and the railroads for a union depot are not settled beyond question of a doubt, I shall advocate defeat of the C. & Y. grant. The New York Central is heavily interested in the grant, so let's use it as a club."

Then Fitzgerald demanded that Witt tell the council:

"First: When he first learned that the New York Central was heavily interested in this C. & Y. grant.

"Second: From whom the information was secured.

"Third: What are the nature of the facts upon which Witt based this statement."

Wanted $100,000 to Kill Grant.

Witt quickly replied: "I was told that at the same time I heard that opponents of the C. & Y. project wanted $100,000 to kill opposition to the grant."

"That is political bunk," said Fitzgerald. "The C. & Y. promoters repeatedly told this council the New York Central was not interested. The statement was an important factor in determining council's course in passing the ordinance. If Witt's statement is true, it is only fair to assume that this legislation was secured by misrepresentation and should be repealed. I insist that Witt answer my questions."

At this Witt rose with a smile.

"Perhaps I should have amplified my statement," he said. "I will add that I heard they wanted $100,000 to kill opposition to the grant at the same time that I heard they later dropped to $5000."

Believes C. & Y. Good Thing.

When the laughter had subsided, Witt explained:

"When I said the New York Central was interested in the C. & Y. I said what I believed. I believe the high-level terminal is a good thing and I will oppose it only if it is necessary to get a union depot."

Councilman Woods here rose and inquired whether Witt meant minority councilmen when he spoke of opposition that wanted the $100,000. Witt assured him that he referred to no one in council.

"I don't know what Pete was driving at," said O. P. Van Sweringen, president of the C. & Y.

Councilmen Fitzgerald, Bernstein and Woods all stated Tuesday they had not heard even a rumor of the proposal.

Witt declined Tuesday to tell the person or persons named, but he intimated the whole affair might come out before the campaign is over.

BAKER TO TELL VOTERS PLANS FOR NEW DEPOT

Mayor to Discuss Ordinance During Campaign So People May Understand.

Mayor Baker said Tuesday he would discuss the new union depot ordinance in every detail during this fall's campaign so people may understand what they are voting on.

Council will meet as a committee of the whole Friday at 2 p. m. to consider the ordinance, which is to go to the voters. The ordinance, as agreed upon by the city and the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads, was given first reading and referred to the committee of the whole at council meeting Monday night.

Baker said Tuesday the agreement is thoroly binding upon the railroad company. This ordinance will be accepted as soon as it is passed by council, and before it goes to the voters.

Acceptance is Binding.

Such acceptance, Baker said, comprises a contract under state law which is just as binding as any other form of legal contract.

Tractioner Witt, mayoralty candidate, Tuesday asserted he wouldn't say whether the depot ordinance is satisfactory to him until he had an opportunity to read it. If Witt is satisfied the ordinance means Cleveland will get a new union passenger station within four years, he will not oppose the C. & Y. freight terminal grant.

Baker is confident the voters will adopt the ordinance.

Terms of the ordinance follow:

The Lakeview tract just west of E. Ninth-st will be sold to the railroads as a depot site for $1,400,000.

This money the city will spend changing street levels, beautifying city property in the vicinity of the depot, meeting obligations under the contract, and buying property to complete the mall.

The 50-acre Bath-st tract at the mouth of the Cuyahoga river, now controlled by the city, will be traded to the railroads for a 50-acre tract of land and water east of E. Ninth-st.

Tract Now Submerged.

The tract which the city will receive is now submerged. It will extend from E. 12th-st to E. 18th-st, about 2000 feet. The tract will be about 1200 feet wide, beginning at the harbor line and extending south 700 feet under water. There the railroads will construct bulkheads 7 feet high, and make 20 acres of land by filling 500 feet south. Thirty acres will be the approximate size of the water tract.

The ordinance provides that this filling and bulkheading must be completed four years after the deeds are exchanged.

W. Third-st and E. Ninth-st will be the gateways to the new depot, and bridges will carry these streets across the railroad tracks. Another bridge at E. 14th-st will connect the city with its new property. Each of these bridges is to cost about $150,000. The railroads will pay 65 percent and the city 35 per cent of the cost.

The ordinance specifies that work on the depot must begin within six months after the land trade is consummated and that he depot shall be completed three years after work begins. Baker said it should not take more than three months after the ordinance is voted upon to make the conveyances.

The cost of the depot and of grading, track changing and other work necessary to the contract, has been estimated at between $15,000,000 and $17,000,000, Baker said.

The plans and materials of the depot must conform with the general plan of the mall buildings and must satisfy the Cuyahoga-co board of supervising architects. In case of inability of this board and the railroads to agree, a board of five arbiters is providedfor, and another board of arbitration is provided to iron out any other disputes.

If the people accept the depot ordinance the first steps will be drawing the detailed contract and securing the establishment of the harbor line in the east basin, 2000 feet south of the breakwater. Then application will be made to the federal government for permission to cross the property north of Marine hospital with tracks into the new depot, and the land trade and sale will be made.

TO MEET TO PLAN DEFENSE OF I. & R.

Definite plans for opposing the constitutional stability league amendment that will limit the operation of the initiative and referendum law are to be formulated at a meeting in Columbus Thursday, it was learned Tuesday.

Mayor Baker, Mayo Fesler, secretary of the civic league, and other advocates of the I. and R. are expected to attend.

The meeting has been called by the initiative and referendum defense committee of which Herbert S. Bigelow of Cincinnati is chairman. The stability league amendment will be voted on at the November election. If adopted, it would prevent voters from using the initiative or referendum on questions once rejected except once in six years.

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WITT IS STANDING PAT ON HIS C. & Y. $100,000 CLAIM

Tractioner Won't Add to Charges, but Insists He'll Make Them Again.

WON'T AMPLIFY HIS STATEMENT; CAN HE?

Cannon Denies He Represented Central Had No Interest in Terminal.

Tractioner Witt Tuesday stood pat on his assertion made Monday night before council that certain interests opposed to the C. & Y. high level freight terminal grant had wanted $100,000 in return for dropping their opposition. Witt may know who the parties are that demanded the money, but if so he wasn't saying Tuesday.

"I made the charge Monday night and I'll make it again," was Witt's assertion. Further than that Witt would not discuss the charges that threw the council meeting into a turmoil.

Neither would Attorney John L. Cannon, Marshall building, counsel for the C. & Y., discuss Witt's statements. He refused either to deny or admit definite knowledge on his part of the truth of Witt's statement.

"Common Talk," Says Witt.

Witt told what he had heard when council was considering the ordinance to submit the C. & Y. grant to voters for a referendum this fall. Tuesday he declared "it had been common talk around the city hall for three weeks" that money had been demanded of the C. & Y. in return for dropping opposition to the grant.

Cannon either couldn't or wouldn't throw any light on the question.

"When the grant first was up before council four years ago some of the councilmen had strong suspicion that we had been asked or approached by certain interests with the intimation that the grant could be secured by use of money," Cannon said. "Such suggestions were never seriously considered."

Witt and Fitzgerald Mix.

Witt's charge before council came when City Clerk Collins certified the the C. & Y. referendum petitions circulated by the Citizens Referendum League had sufficient names.

Councilman Fitzgerald then called Witt's attention to Witt's statement of Friday that he would advocate defeat of the C. & Y. unless the union depot question be first settled, and that as the New York Central lines were heavily interested in the C. & Y., that fact should be used as a club. Fitzgerald demanded that Witt tell when he first learned the New York Central lines were interested, whence he got the information and the nature of the facts on which Witt based his charge.

Witt replied he was told that at the same time he heard opponents of the C. & Y. demanded $100,000. When Fitzgerald declared that C. & Y. promoters had stated the New York Central was not interested, Witt added to his statement with another that the demand of $100,000 later wos reduced to $5,000. Witt stated in reply to a question by Councilman Woods that he did not mean minority councilmen when he referred to the opposition that wanted $100,000.

Acknowledge Central.

Republican councilmen declared Tuesday it is up to Witt to lay his cards face up on the table or back water in his charge.

"Representatives of the C. & Y. all along have asserted the New York Central is not interested with them," declared Fitzgerald. "It was partly on the strength of that statement that council passed the grant. Now Witt makes the bald statement the New York Central has a finger in it. If true, Witt should make known to council where he procured his information and how."

"It's political bunk, probably," Fitzgerald said Tuesday. "It was a statement made under stress. I know of no such offer. It's up to Witt to come through or back up."

Cannon Tuesday took occasion to deny Fitzgerald's statements that councilmen did not know the New York Central lines were interested in the C. & Y. freight terminal.

"The day we held the first meeting with the council Councilman Bernstein asked me what interests were behind the C. & Y. I asked him what he meant by 'interests' and he said he meant the people who were putting in the money. He asked if it wasn't a New York Central proposition. I told him no, that it was the hope of the C. & Y. to get a number of roads to use it, that the New York Central's interest was only commensurate with its use of the terminal. Councilman Fitzgerald can't in all fairness say it was not known that the New York Central was going to use the terminal. Our purpose is to get all the steam roads we can to use it. We hope to have the B. & O., Erie, Nickel Plate and Wheeling & Lake Erie use it."

I HAVE THE GOODS ON $100,000 OFFER

—PETER WITT.

Traction Commissioner Says He'll Name Man Accused of Seeking C. & Y. Deal.

Report Says Mayor, Railroad Head and His Attorney Know Details.

Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, yesterday followed up the bomb he exploded in council Monday night with a direct assertion that he "had the goods" to back up his charge of a request by someone unnamed for $100,000 to stop opposition to the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal project.

Further, Mr. Witt said there was little doubt that in the course of the coming campaign he would name the man who he says offered to call off the opposition for that modest sum.

Mr. Witt's definite statements that he had the man's name and could support his charge, follows assertions of anti-administration forces that Mr. Witt was talking at random and without basis when he made the $100,000 accusation in the council chamber.

There also was an undersurface report in administration quarters that certain members of the administration have had knowledge for two months of the information Mr. Witt declares he has at hand. It was asserted that three other men know the identity of the man accused by Mr. Witt. They are said to be Mayor Newton D. Baker, President O. P. Van Sweringen of the Cleveland & Youngstown and Attorney John Cannon, representing the road.

Mayor Baker yesterday said he knew nothing about the $100,000 charge.

The Monday night statement of Mr. Witt was the chief topic of speculation and discussion in city hall and political quarters yesterday. Newspaper men "pussy-footed" through city hall hunting dollar sign clews.

Minority councilmen said they did not believe Mr. Witt "had it on" anybody. "It's just a dream," said Minority Leader W. S. FitzGerald.

"'The Mystery of the $100,000,' a sixteen-reel film. Mr. Witt was asked a direct question he couldn't answer, and did not know what else to say."

Seeks Electrification of Roads Inside City

An ordinance requiring all railroads entering Cleveland to complete the electrification of their lines inside the city limits within a fixed term of years will be introduced in council by President W. F. Thompson if the city law department rules Cleveland can enforce such legislation under its home rule power.

The electrification question will be discussed at a meeting of a special committee of council this afternoon when a resolution by Councilman David Moylan will be considered calling for the preparation of a report on the subject.

Minority members of council have based their fight on the Cleveland & Youngstown grant to a great extent on the fact that compulsory electrification was not included in the ordinance.

"I have obtained some interesting data on this subject," said Councilman W. S. FitzGerald yesterday. "Electrification of terminals is entirely feasible."

BROADWAY BODY TO INSIST WITT EXONERATE 'EM

Improvement Association Will Demand That Names Be Given in C. & Y. Money Charges.

A demand that Street Railway Commissioner Witt name interests whom he charges wanted $100,000 to withdraw opposition to the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal grant is to be made at a meeting of the Broadway Improvement Association tomorrow night.

Witt made the assertion that certain persons opposing the grant offered to withdraw for $100,000, later dropping to $5,000, before the city council Monday night. He would not add to the charge yesterday or state whether he expected to make public the names of accused interests during his mayoralty campaign this fall.

The Broadway Improvement Association was one of the civic associations active in its opposition to the terminal grant. The meeting tomorrow night was arranged to ask Witt to issue a statement exonerating the association of any knowledge of the alleged offer and naming the accused parties, according to Michael Klesch, vice president of the organization.

"I had never heard of any offer," said Mayor Baker. "It was news to me—uninteresting news, too."

"That will hold them for awhile," said Witt, when pressed to explain his charges further.

"I have nothing to say," he replied, when asked if he planned to later name accused interests.

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Here's the letter in full that Van Sweringen sent to Baker Wednesday:

The newspaper this morning announced that at the city council's meeting Monday night the statement was made by one of the councilmen to the following effect:

That the city council was repeatedly told by representatives of the C. & Y. that the New York Central was not interested in the C. & Y. high level freight yards, and, if this statement was not true, it was only fair to assume that the passage of the C. & Y. ordinance was secured by misrepresentation, and should be repealed.

To avoid any doubt or misunderstanding, and, in order to lay the matter fairly and openly before your honor, the city council, and the people of Cleveland, and once more to remove any cloud of mystery about this matter, I wish to take this opportunity to confirm the statements which have heretofore been made on many occasions by our representative at the council committee meetings, and at which the C. & Y. ordinance was under consideration.

These statements were to this effect:

That the passage of the ordinance was requested by the C. & Y. railroad company because the enterprise was a C. & Y. railroad project; that this railroad was essentially a terminal railroad and that arrangements were being made, with various other railroads entering the city, to use portions of the high level freight terminal provided for in the C. & Y. ordinance, and that the interest of the New York Central and other railroads in this freight terminal would be in proportion to the use which each railroad should make of these facilities.

The C. & Y., recognizing the enormous growth of Cleveland, believing in its future, and knowing that the city's freight terminals are grossly inadequate, and in the main inconvenient and difficult of access, have planned a high level freight terminal within easy reach of the principal business sections of the city, with team tracks, warehouses and storehouses of a capacity sufficient to accommodate the various railroads entering the city.

Arrangements have been made whereby the New York Central railroad will, with various other railroads, occupy portions of this high level freight terminal.

It is too obvious for discussion and should not even require assertion, that a freight terminal of the magnitude known to be planned by the C. & Y. railroad, a terminal railroad, would, by the very nature of such a railroad and terminal, involve uses by as many other railroads as could be conveniently and practically connected therewith.

We find it difficult to understand why the use of this terminal by the New York Central, with its vast system of railroads, of enormous importance, directly or indirectly to all citizens of Cleveland, should be other than a matter of congratulation rather than a reason for opposing the project.

Will you kindly convey this information in such form and manner as you deem best, to the council and to the general public, in the hope that no further misrepresentation or misunderstandings can occur, and that full publicity may be given to the fact that the high level freight yard of the C. & Y. will be used by various railroads, and that the New York Cntral is one of thse railroads.

Yours very truly,
O. P. VAN SWERINGEN,
President of the Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Co.

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'CITY TO GET ALL OF LAKE FRONT IT WILL NEED'

—MAYOR BAKER.

Mayor Holds Depot Land Trade Will Meet Requirements for 30 Years.

TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

Gahn Contends City Should Own Rights From E. Ninth-st to Gordon Park.

What does the proposed trade of lakefront tracts by the city and the railroads mean in Cleveland's fight for years for lakefront control?

This question loomed Wednesday as one of the points about which discussion will center at the first public hearing on the new union depot ordinance, to be held in council chamber Friday at 2 p. m.

E. B. Thomas, city river and harbors engineer, said Wednesday there will be room for four big piers in the land and water tract between E. 12th-st and E. 18th-st, which the city will receive in exchange for its interest in the Bath-st tract, if voters approve the ordinance.

Favors City Control.

"My vision is for control of all the lakefront by the city, some day," said Mayor Baker. "Just how that will be brought about I don't know. No one can conceive the possible development of Cleveland's lakefront.

"But under the terms of this ordinance the city would control practically all of the lakefront between W. Third-st and E. 18th-st, which, in my opinion, is enough to control the lake traffic for the next 30 years."

The city now owns the lakefront between E. Ninth-st and W. Third-st.

Harry C. Gahn, councilman and secretary of the river and harbor commission, said: "My notion is that the city should own all of the lakefront between E. Ninth-st and Gordon park.

"I want to study the ordinance very carefully before I go into its merits.

"But the city should do nothing that would menace its chances to obtain control of all the lake front now controlled by the railroads out as far as E. 26th-st, or that would set a precedent that would hurt the city's later fight for more extensive water front control."

Plans Investigation.

Gahn said he would inquire thoroly into the effect of the lake front trade at Friday's hearing.

Disposal of the city's interest

1. 81ST 2211—Modern 8-room house, nice yard; $40 per month.
84TH, 2511—5 rooms, bath, downstairs; furnace, basement; good location; $18.
89TH-ST, 1392—7-room mod. cottage, all improvements; with garage. $26.
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SALEN PETITIONS ALL SIGNED; HE MAY RUN

Petitions circulated for County Tax Commissioner Charles P. Salen to place his name on the mayoralty ballot were to be presented to Salen at a meeting of his friends Wednesday night in the Cuyahoga building.

Calling in of the petitions was taken Wednesday as an indication Salen would enter the mayoralty race, making the number of announced candidates five. Salen, however, said he had not decided whether to become a candidate and would reach no decision for another week.

"No effort has been made to gather the petitions circulated by my friends," Salen said. "I have asked forty or fifty of my friends to meet me and in that way will learn how many signatures have been obtained."

WITT PROMISES TO NAME MEN IN C. & Y. SCANDAL

"I'll give the names when the proper time comes."

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Witt wouldn't discuss the charges any more fully Wednesday than he did Tuesday, but reiterated statement that he "had the goods."

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The newspaper this morning announced that at the city council's meeting Monday night the statement was made by one of the councilmen to the following effect:

That the city council was repeatedly told by representatives of the C. & Y. that the New York Central was not interested in the C. & Y. high level freight yards, and, if this statement was not true, it was only fair to assume that the passage of the C. & Y. ordinance was secured by misrepresentation, and should be repealed.

To avoid any doubt or misunderstanding, and, in order to lay the matter fairly and openly before your honor, the city council, and the people of Cleveland, and once more to remove any cloud of mystery about this matter, I wish to take this opportunity to confirm the statements which have heretofore been made on many occasions by our representative at the council committee meetings, and at which the C. & Y. ordinance was under consideration.

These statements were to this effect:

That the passage of the ordinance was requested by the C. & Y. railroad company because the enterprise was a C. & Y. railroad project; that this railroad was essentially a terminal railroad and that arrangements were being made, with various other railroads entering the city, to use portions of the high level freight terminal provided for in the C. & Y. ordinance, and that the interest of the New York Central and other railroads in this freight terminal would be in proportion to the use which each railroad should make of these facilities.

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Arrangements have been made whereby the New York Central railroad will, with various other railroads, occupy portions of this high level freight terminal.

It is too obvious for discussion and should not even require assertion, that a freight terminal of the magnitude known to be planned by the C. & Y. railroad, a terminal railroad, would, by the very nature of such a railroad and terminal, involve uses by as many other railroads as could be conveniently and practically connected therewith.

We find it difficult to understand why the use of this terminal by the New York Central, with its vast system of railroads, of enormous importance, directly or indirectly to all citizens of Cleveland, should be other than a matter of congratulation rather than a reason for opposing the project.

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President of the Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Co.

'CITY TO GET ALL OF LAKE FRONT IT WILL NEED'

—MAYOR BAKER.

Mayor Holds Depot Land Trade Will Meet Requirements for 30 Years.

TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

Gahn Contends City Should Own Rights From E. Ninth-st to Gordon Park.

What does the proposed trade of lakefront tracts by the city and the railroads mean in Cleveland's fight for years for lakefront control?

This question loomed Wednesday as one of the points about which discussion will center at the first public hearing on the new union depot ordinance, to be held in council chamber Friday at 2 p. m.

E. B. Thomas, city river and harbors engineer, said Wednesday there will be room for four big piers in the land and water tract between E. 12th-st and E. 18th-st, which the city will receive in exchange for its interest in the Bath-st tract, if voters approve the ordinance.

Favors City Control.

"My vision is for control of all the lakefront by the city, some day," said Mayor Baker. "Just how that will be brought about I don't know. No one can conceive the possible development of Cleveland's lakefront.

"But under the terms of this ordinance the city would control practically all of the lakefront between W. Third-st and E. 18th-st, which, in my opinion, is enough to control the lake traffic for the next 30 years."

The city now owns the lakefront between E. Ninth-st and W. Third-st.

Harry C. Gahn, councilman and secretary of the river and harbor commission, said: "My notion is that the city should own all of the lakefront between E. Ninth-st and Gordon park.

"I want to study the ordinance very carefully before I go into its merits.

"But the city should do nothing that would menace its chances to obtain control of all the lake front now controlled by the railroads out as far as E. 26th-st, or that would set a precedent that would hurt the city's later fight for more extensive water front control."

Plans Investigation.

Gahn said he would inquire thoroly into the effect of the lake front trade at Friday's hearing.

Disposal of the city's interest in the Bath-st tract will lea[ve] city without anything but [the] street ends about the Cuy[ahoga] river and the lake front [at] mouth of the river, Gahn sa[id].

Widening of the Cuya[hoga] river from the Lake Shore b[ridge] to the old river bed is made [pos]sible by the ordinance, how[ever]. The federal government's [chan]ing plan has been held up [for] years because the Lake Shore [Rail]road hung onto its right to [build] the center of the widened [river] for a bridge pier.

By the ordinance the ra[il]agrees to abandon this [right] which will enable the gover[nment] to go ahead and widen the [river] from 130 to 325 feet.

SALEN PETITIONS ALL SIGNED; HE MAY RUN

Petitions circulated for County Tax Commissioner Charles P. Salen to place his name on the mayoralty ballot were to be presented to Salen at a meeting of his friends Wednesday night in the Cuyahoga building.

Calling in of the petitions was taken Wednesday as an indication Salen would enter the mayoralty race, making the number of announced candidates five. Salen, however, said he had not decided whether to become a candidate and would reach no decision for another week.

"No effort has been made to gather the petitions circulated by my friends," Salen said. "I have asked forty or fifty of my friends to meet me and in that way will learn how many signatures have been obtained."

WITT PROMISES TO NAME MEN IN C. & Y. SCANDAL

"I'll give the names when the proper time comes."

This was Tractioner Witt's statement Wednesday when he heard the Broadway Improvement Association, which is opposing the C. & Y. high level freight terminal grant, had called a meeting for Thursday night to demand Witt name the men he said wanted $100,000 for withdrawal of their opposition to the C. & Y. project.

Witt wouldn't discuss the charges any more fully Wednesday than he did Tuesday, but reiterated statement that he "had the goods."

Press. Thur. Sept. 2.

MAYOR BUMPS STATE CENSORS

Refuses to Order Arrest of Defiant Exhibitor.

Mayor Baker flatly refused Thursday to be the weapon thru which the state board of moving picture censors sought to stop criticism of its work in Cleveland.

"Free speech is the right of every American citizen," Baker told the censors, when they wanted him to order the police to make a test case of the defiance of Samuel Bullock, proprietor of the Boulevard theater, W. 89th-st and Lorain-av.

Bullock showed a film of the West-side business men's picnic, in which a national officer of the picture exhibitors' organization was shown making a speech. Then the film flashed his words: "Censorship was conceived in iniquity, born in sin, and is dying in disgrace."

The censors ordered this line out. Bullock defied them. Then the state board wrote to Baker asking him to instruct police to arrest Bullock.

"I think the exhibitor was entirely within his constitutional rights," said Baker. "This censorship was intended to eliminate scenes that would be dangerous to public morals. The censors have no authority to bar criticism of the law."

Leader Sat. Sept 4.

DEPOT PLANS ARE OPPOSED; COUNCIL AGOG

Bernstein Demands Minimum Cost Promise From Roads; State Asks Delay in Land Deal.

Opposition to the proposed ordinance giving Cleveland a new union passenger station and settling lake front controversies with the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads developed at the first public hearing yesterday.

Councilman Bernstein declared the measure should contain a statement of the minimum amount to be expended by railroads in the erection of the depot. He said exact plans should be prepared prior to submitting the question to voters for approval. Mayor Baker said plans had not been drawn.

Attorney R. M. Morgan, special representative of the state attorney general's office, urged negotiations be deferred until the state's suit to determine the ownership of submerged land has been decided by the supreme court.

Morgan declared the action of the city in dealing with railroads for land claimed by the state would injure the state's chances of winning the suit. He said, in the event of victory by the state, the city would be exchanging its valuable holdings at W. 9th st. for property east of E. 9th st. already owned by the public.

Fears for State.

Morgan suggested, if the city would not delay negotiations, that the ordinance specifically state the action of the city was not to be considered as an admission contrary to the state's contentions.

Attorney W. C. Boyle, representing the Pennsylvania railroad, accused Morgan of trying the case before the council committee and before the state legislature. He said that Morgan tried to have the legislature pass the Merkle bill, which recited that title to submerged land belonged to the state.

Mayor Baker assumed responsibility for the Merkle bill. He declared that if the state won the lake front suit railroads could not go ahead with their conveyance of property and the whole deal would be off anyway. New negotiations would then have to be started, Baker said.

Final Action by September 13.

Final action on the ordinance must be taken by the council by September 13, City Clerk Collins announced. This would allow two weeks in which to obtain signatures for a referendum and allow the clerk to report on their sufficiency at the meeting on September 28. Otherwise the measure could not go to voters for approval at the municipal election this fall, Collins said.

There will be another public hearing on the ordinance Tuesday morning.

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URGES SLOWNESS IN STATION CASE

Attorney for State Says Rushing of Project Might be Big Loss to City.

Councilmen Want Harbor Scheme to be Developed Easterly.

City councilmen were told yesterday by Attorney Robert M. Morgan, special counsel for the state in the pending harbor fill case, that immediate action on the Union station ordinance might deprive the city of lake front holdings valued at $20,000,000.

"If anything loses the state's lawsuit this ordinance will quicker than anything else," Mr. Morgan said. "The city in this ordinance is dealing with the railroads as if they were owners of the property which the state is claiming in its lawsuit.

"Hold up your depot six months. Here is a question that means $20,000,000 on present values and nobody can say how valuable the property will be in fifty years."

Attorney Morgan appeared before the council committee of the whole at a public meeting in the city council chamber, called to consider the pending Union station ordinance.

Acting on one suggestion made by Attorney Morgan, Councilman W. S. FitzGerald proposed an amendment to the ordinance which would make it clear the contract could in no way be construed as an admission by the city that the law is contrary to the state's contention in the pending harbor fill case.

When the question of the authorship of the Merkle bill was raised by Attorney W. C. Boyle, counsel for the Pennsylvania railroad, Mayor Newton D. Baker declared he had drafted the measure and that when the legislature was in session he had tried to have the state assert its title to the submerged land inside the breakwater.

In addition the mayor stated the reception accorded the measure and the attitude of the legislature had led him to the conclusion the city would have to settle the Union station question without state assistance.

The mayor said in event the state wins its lawsuit the terms named in the contract cannot stand and new negotiations would have to be started.

Council took no decided stand on questions raised by Attorney Morgan and another meeting will be held Tuesday morning. The ordinance must be passed a week from Monday. Referendum petitions must be circulated and filed with the city clerk after the ordinance is passed.

Councilmen J. J. McGinty and J. W. Reynolds urged the city's harbor development scheme be pushed as far easterly as E. 26th-st, instead of to a point north of E. 19th-st as proposed in the pending agreement. Councilman Reynolds urged the city be given the right to extend its piers and costal railroad to the easterly end of the railroad property at E. 26th-st.

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Councilman Alex Bernstein proposed an amendment specifying the minimum amount the railroads would spend on the station project. Mayor Baker believes such a provision is unnecessary as long as the railroads agree to erect a building that is satisfactory to the city. Plans will be completed before the election and displayed so that the public will have an opportunity to study the improvement, the mayor stated. Councilman Bernstein also proposed a definite agreement on the part of the railroads to accept the ordinance in event of its approval by the people at the coming election.

News. Sat. Sept 4.

CITY IS WARNED COURT MAY KILL DEPOT PROJECT

Mayor Baker's new union station ordinance will not have easy sailing in council, it became evident Saturday. Councilman Bernstein said he may offer an amendment setting a minimum the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads must expend on the station, and a clause making acceptance of the measure an iron-clad contract.

The warning of Attorney Robert M. Morgan, counsel in Cleveland for former Attorney General Hogan, that if his suit to oust the Pennsylvania from its filled land just west of the river is upheld by supreme court, present negotiations will be nullified, also will affect council, it is said.

Baker, whose biggest ambition is to see a new station under way, admitted Saturday that if Morgan wins, the railroads will have no lake front to trade to the city. But he said he would take a chance. Democratic councilmen, backing Baker, Saturday tried to minimize the importance of Morgan's statement in an effort to put over the measure for campaign purposes.

Councilman McGinty will steal some thunder from Councilman Gahn, Republican, Tuesday when he offers an amendment permitting passage of the city's proposed lake front belt line over railroad property between E. 19th and 26th sts. A special council meeting will be held Tuesday morning so final passage can be effected September 13.

MAYOR RAISES LID FOR CLUBS

Mayor Baker provided a loophole for Cleveland clubs to climb through on the liquor question Saturday, which practically nullifies Safety Director Benesch's order closing club bars and the order of the state liquor board that clubs must have licenses.

Assistant City Law Director Young Saturday made public a ruling approved by Law Director Stockwell and Baker. It provides that liquor may be served in a club to members who have themselves purchased definite supply previous to the time of it being served. Every member of a club may give the steward fifty dollars, for instance, with instructions to buy that amount of liquor.

Press. Sat. Sept. 4.

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"This ordinance is declaratory," Morgan said, "and there is nothing that could have greater effect upon the state's chance in supreme court than a concession by the city of Cleveland that the railroad owns the rights claimed by the state."

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Legislation setting forth terms for the building of a new union depot and providing for a settlement of lake front differences between the city and railroads will be placed on a second reading at tonight's council meeting.

The council will meet as a committee of the whole this morning to consider the measure. The ordinance, with amendments to be proposed today, will be referred back to the committee. A series of meetings will be held during the week. It is planned to pass the ordinance Monday night.

Collins to Report.

City Clerk Collins is expected to report to the council that Socialists have filed petitions sufficient to require consideration of legislation for the purchase of the Cleveland Railway Company.

If the council votes against submitting the question at the regular municipal election an additional 5,000 names must be obtained for a special election on the issue.

Street car schedules on the Lorain ave. line are to be submitted to the street railway committee today. Councilman Moylan asked for a readjustment of schedules, after car men had protested that employees often put in fourteen hours' time to get five hours' pay.

The committee will report favorably upon the resolution allowing the car company to buy eighty front entrance, center exit cars to replace obsolete cars recently ordered scrapped.

For Crosstown Lines.

The cars are of the type operated for some time on the W. 65th st. crosstown line and recently installed on the E. 105th st. line. They are to be used on crosstown lines exclusively.

Municipal lighting officials will be asked by Councilman Kalina to extend the city's lighting distribution system throughout the West Side. Kalina claims that home owners are unable to get municipal light, although they filed applications months ago and the department claims to have a surplus for extensions.

BENESCH EXPECTS CLUB TEST CASE

Believes Organizations Finally Will Be Compelled to Get State Licenses.

Court decisions in other states strengthen his belief that Cleveland clubs must obtain state licenses to operate bars Director of Public Safety Benesch said yesterday after reading a report from the city law department.

A test suit to determine how liquor license laws affect clubs is regarded as almost certain by Benesch. He said he would oppose any proposal to allow police patrolmen to determine what constitutes a sale of liquor by clubs. This is done in some states the law department reported.

Mayor Baker referred the report of the law department to Benesch yesterday. He said that he had examined it carefully but did not care to make any statement until after a conference with Benesch today. The law department did not rule upon the right of clubs to operate bars, but simply compiled a list of court decisions in other states, according to Benesch.

Clubs were ordered by Benesch a month ago to stop the operation of bars or obtain state licenses. Police patrolmen were stationed at clubs to enforce the order. Later it was modified to allow the serving of drinks during the week, if clubs closed their bars on Sunday.

The state liquor license commission then took a hand and announced that licenses must be obtained and that clubs now selling without state authority would be refused a permit. Benesch said that he would ignore the order and would be guided solely by the ruling of the law department.

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WITT URGES LABOR TO FLAY DEFENSES

Ridicules Citizens' Camp at Annual Federation Picnic at Luna.

Thousands Hear Political Mayoralty Candidates Speak.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Declaring it a lie to assert that armed readiness is a guarantee of peace, Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, last night at Luna park urged organized labor of Cleveland to launch a protest against further preparation for war in the United States.

He held up to the ridicule of the crowd the camp of Cleveland citizen soldiers at Chagrin Falls.

"Instead of taking a lesson from the European war," cried Commissioner Witt, "all over this country they're yelling to be prepared. They say it's a guarantee of peace. It's a lie!

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Mr. Witt avoided politics entirely in his address, confining himself to labor questions. Candidate Davis indicated that he will make an issue of the $1,500,000 administration bond issue proposed to wipe out a deficit in operating expenses, and indorsed labor's proposed charter amendment for a minimum wage. Mr. Wells assailed the Baker administration's union station project, and an interested listener was Mayor Newton D. Baker, who stood in the crowd at one side.

Mr. Norton spoke of increasing city expenditures. Mr. Ruthenberg, whose exposition of Socialistic doctrines was received with tremendous applause and cheers, said the Baehr administration used the city's police power against striking garment workers, and that the Baker administration took the same course with strikers at the Mechanical Rubber Co. plant.

Mr. Witt in the opening address said every humane law on the statute books of every state in the union "came not as a gift, but was wrested from the opposition by the hosts of labor." He referred to the recent report of the commission which has investigated the nation's industrial conditions.

"The report of that committee is an indictment," he continued. "It is painted in glaring red, that all may read who care to see. The struggle of organized labor in the United States should be that everything listed in that report be rectified."

Mr. Davis, speaking of the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue to be voted on in November, said voters should make sure not to elect an administration which would come to them two years hence with a bond issue proposal to meet another deficit. He advocated spending park money for breathing spots in the congested centers in the heart of the city, as well as in the boulevard system on the city's outskirts.

Mr. Wells impartially slammed both the Democratic and Republican parties.

"It doesn't make any particular difference whether you have a Democratic or a Republican administration," he declared. "Each one takes care of its own organization. Jobs are distributed not so as to do the most good for the city of Cleveland, but for the good of the party in power."

Mr. Wells said public service should be prompt, economical and efficient. He proposed reorganization of the city by districts for carrying forward the work of the city. The lake front union station plan he termed a "lake front steal." He said the railroads wanted the Bath-st property, which he declared was to be traded for nothing more than a "stretch of the lake," because if the Bath-st tract were used as an unloading ground for independent lake steamers, the "lake monopoly" could be broken. The railroads want to continue the "monopoly" he charged.

Mr. Norton said he disagreed with Mr. Wells on the station plan. He declared he always favored improvements that would make Cleveland "bigger and greater," if they were "reasonable" improvements. He said this fall was the first time in the city's history that voters were being asked to approve a bond issue to make up a deficit occasioned, he asserted, by "squandering" of public money.

Mr. Ruthenberg spoke of the use of armed militiamen and guards against strikers in Lawrence, Patterson, Ludlow and Calumet.

"When the Republicans or Democrats, or either masquerading as nonpartisan, are in power, they use that power against the working class," he declared.

Arraigning the "capitalistic system" as the underlying cause of poverty and misery, Mr. Ruthenberg spoke of the opposition on the Cleveland board of education to the unionizing of school teachers. He said the Baker administration stood in the way of garbage men organizing in the teamsters' union, had had trouble with tunnel workers because of cuts in their pay, and had refused electrical workers more wages on the ground the city had not enough money, yet, he said, "spent $200,000 for a lighting system for downtown merchants." He spoke of the Socialist project for the taking over of the Cleveland Railway Co. by the city.

Labor day afternoon crowds of about 6,000 people at Luna park by nightfall had grown to between 30,000 and 35,000, it was estimated.

Secretary Thomas S. Farrell, Peter Hassenpflue, Charles Smith and John Carley of the labor organization went to Highland Park cemetery, Warrensville, and strewed flowers on the graves of the late Harry D. Thomas and William C. Davio, former secretary and president of the Cleveland federation.

Common Pleas Judge Willis Vickery was the afternoon speaker at Luna park. He was introduced by Mr. Hassenpflue, formerly secretary of the federation. Judge Vickery advocated a minimum wage law to affect both men and women and called labor organizations necessities.

The following composed the federation's Labor day committee: President J. W. Hart, Secretary Farrell, Mr. Hassenpflue, J. Weiss, John Carley, Ed McEachern, E. Cavan, Mr. Goldsmith, T. K. Roberts, Mr. Malley, E. G. Strasser, F. Baumgartner, J. G. Owens, F. Schultz, F. W. Steffen, William Boedecker, Mr. Smith, H. Berolph, George Brewster, H. Stein, J. Krugel, Thomas Brennan, George Hahn and Thomas E. Thompson.

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MAYOR IS GIVEN RIGHT TO ADJUST NEW DEPOT PLAN

Baker Seeks to Get Land for Lake Railway City Plans to Build.

M'GINTY WANTS SITE FREE

Railroad Official Says Fair Price Should be Paid for Plot.

Council committee Tuesday delegated to Mayor Baker the authority to negotiate with New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad officials to preserve the city's plan for a coastal street and marginal railroad, necessary to full development and control of the lake front by the city.

The city plans a railroad to run along the lake shore, connecting the piers with other railroad systems, and for a street along the lake front for use of vehicles.

Baker was appointed at a public hearing in council chamber, after Councilman Reynolds had pointed out that the railroads would be in a position to block the city's whole scheme of lake front control, under the terms of the union depot ordinance as it was given first reading last week.

Baker was to hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon with the railroad officials in an endeavor to reach an agreement at once and submit to council alternative propositions.

Under the ordinance as it now stands, the city will obtain a tract of property on the water front between E. 12th-st and E. 18th-st, leaving to the railroads the control of the lake front between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st.

"Some means must be found whereby the city shall either acquire these rights between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st, or shall obtain the right to cross this track with its coastal street and marginal railroad, and shall also control the harbor there," said Reynolds.

President Alfred H. Smith of the New York Central replied he thought that could be arranged, but he insisted that the city buy the rights sought from the railroads.

Councilman McGinty asserted the railroads should give the city these rights free.

Smith said he has no more right to give away property of the New York Central railroad than he has to give away the city's property.

Baker suggested there were three things which he, as delegate for the city, and railroad officials could work out and present to council, namely: One—The plan as outlined in the present ordinance. Two—Retention of the lake front end of the tract between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st by the railroads and retention of a strip thru this tract by the city. Three—Acquisition of the entire tract by the city, by purchase.

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Baker said this, in his opinion, was covered by state law, inasmuch as acceptance of the ordinance comprises the binding contract.

BOYD STILL HAS THEM GUESSING

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Under a new section of the law, after such petitions are filed with the secretary of state, that official must return the petitions to the boards of elections in the counties for examination as to the genuiness of the signatures.

The Democratic county organization here circulated petitions on the Sprague law and gathered 7,092 names, according to elections authorities. The McDermott law petitions were circulated here by former State Representative William Schaefer and A. C. Bender, both Republicans, and bore 4,836 names, it was stated at board headquarters.

The board of elections met yesterday morning, and instructed Clerk John Wolfe to go over the petitions and report to the board. Then the board officially will examine the [illegible] and forward a report to Secretary of State Charles Q. Hildebrant.

Other questions were referred to the board yesterday. A petition bearing the names of a ticket of candidates for election in Brecksville was mailed from there Sept. 3, the last day for filing petitions, and did not reach the board until Sept. 4. The question of whether the names should be placed on the ballot was taken up by the board and a decision was postponed until further investigation.

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The city and the New York Central railroad were more widely separated than ever Wednesday on the union station question following a conference between President A. H. Smith with Mayor Baker and members of council, when Smith delivered an ultimatum to the effect that Cleveland would have to stand by the bargain the railroads made with Mayor Baker—which called for the exchange of old Bath st. railroad property for lands at the foot of E. 3d st.

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After Smith had spoken his mind, George L. Peck, first vice president of the Pennsylvania lines, declared that he doubted whether his road would consider itself justified in continuing negotiations unless the original program was adhered to.

"The New York Central will sell the 2,515,000 square feet of submerged lands between E. 18th and E. 26th sts. to the city at fifty cents a foot, and take the money and develop a port somewhere else," Smith told the city. "We don't want to sell the property at one dollar a foot or any other price, but if you must have it to satisfy public sentiment we will sell it. But we will have to develop a port some other place."

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He impressed the city with the fact that the railroad would simply use the money to develop commerce at some other point. He said the railroad had given in considerably in order to reach an agreement and give Cleveland a union depot. The railroad was willing to spend millions to provide a suitable terminal for passengers with no hope of receiving revenue in return. The railroad had to look to its freight business for its returns.

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When Councilman McGinty predicted defeat of the union station ordinance in November if the railroad refused to give the city the lands from E. 18th to E. 26th sts., Smith replied that his company would buy back the property at the same price it was sold for and be glad of the opportunity.

Laughs at Giving Land.

Both McGinty and Reynolds also predicted defeat. Smith laughed at the idea of giving the property. He said if the people defeated the ordinance then would be time to start bargaining all over again.

"At one time it seemed that the Pennsylvania and the New York Central would have to just pull stakes and move from Cleveland, leaving nothing but our four tracks through here," Smith said. "We reached a bargain and we are willing to stand by it in every respect. The demands being made have no place in the bargain."

Smith was to meet with Baker late Wednesday and decide upon the terms of the option Baker suggested for the ordinance. Smith assured Baker the price asked by the railroad would be no lower than fift yecnts a foot, but might be higher.

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Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, was painfully surprised Wednesday when he heard that Maurice Maschke, former collector of customs, declared Tuesday night in a Harry L. Davis meeting that "the time is close when Miner G. Norton will realize he cannot be a factor in the approaching election."

"It's not necessary to make any reply to Maschke's statement," Norton said Wednesday. "But I'm surprised at such a statement coming from him. He ought to know me better. The wish is father to the thought, you know."

Gordon Ruthenberg, Republican candidate for council from the Twentieth ward, filed his petitions with the board of elections late Tuesday. They contained 800 names.

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Says Entry of "One or Three More Candidates" Makes No Difference.

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My decision to seek the office of mayor is made because I realize fully the ultimate result of continued extravagance and inefficiency by our city officials.

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Others in the Race.

Other mayoralty candidates whose petitions have been filed are Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Morton, republicans, and C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist.

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Davis day picnic will be held at Luna park Saturday.

TWO PLANS FOR NEW DEPOT MAY GO TO VOTERS

Conference of Railroad and City Officials Develops Complications.

Two separate proposals toward a new union depot and settlement of the lakefront land problem may be put up to the voters as a result of Wednesday's negotiations between city and railroad officials.

This was one possibility which resulted from Wednesday's conference.

Under the plan, suggested by Law Director Stockwell Wednesday, one of the proposals to go to the voters would be the bargain between the city and the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads as it stands in the original union depot ordinance.

This bargain was for the sale of the Lakeview tract as a depot site for $1,400,000, and the trade of the city's interest in the Bath-st tract at the mouth of the Cuyahoga river for a tract of like size between E. 12th-st and E. 26th-st.

The second proposal was suggested after the railroads had asked $1,250,000 for the tract between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st.

This price the city regarded as prohibitive in so far as incorporating it in the depot ordinance was concerned.

Stockwell suggested, however, that a second ordinance be put up to the people, providing for the purchase of this tract for $1,250,000, and that the original ordinance be amended to include an option giving the city the right to buy in case the people voted to buy the new tract.

The question of the acquisition of this tract was injected into the negotiations by the city when council committee met Tuesday to consider the original ordinance. Councilmen still felt Wednesday that the control of the tract between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st was absolutely necessary to the city's plan for a railroad and street along the entire east coast, which would control future development of the lake front.

The railroads made Baker the $1,250,000 price at a closed hearing late Tuesday. He declined to name this figure until today, however, hoping the railroads would come down. Wednesday President Alfred H. Smith of the New York Central announced the railroads did not want to sell this tract and could not make any lower price.

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The assistant city law director in his opinion takes up the matter of a sale and the legal definition of a sale as contained in court decisions. If a test suit is started, the main features of the case will center about this question.

It is contended among other things that the locker system used by certain clubs does not contain the elements of sale as defined in court decisions. It is contended that if each member of a club has a definite interest in the amount of liquor purchased by the steward, there is no sale.

Mayor Baker explained in his letter that the court of appeals of Hamilton county had given a decision on the sale of liquor by a club of Cincinnati that is contrary to the license contention of the Cleveland clubs and that as this is the highest authority in the state that has ruled on this question it would be followed by the city.

Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch said yesterday that the recent police agreement with the clubs would stand. Until the time for new distribution of licenses clubs be permitted to sell liquor on days.

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RAILROAD MEN STAND PAT ON DEPOT BARGAIN

New York Central Head Says City Must Accept Deal or Start Negotiations All Anew.

Union passenger station negotiations must start all over if city councilmen attempt to interject any new issues into the proposed settlement of lake front controversies with the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads.

This was the ultimatum delivered by A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, at a conference with city officials in Mayor Baker's office yesterday. He agreed, however, to take up with directors the question of giving the city an option for riparian rights between E. 18th st. and E. 26th st. at a price of $1,250,000.

Demands of councilmen that this tract be included in the eastern area to be traded to railroads for the city's holdings at W. 9th st. were under consideration at the meeting. This had been followed by the Pennsylvania railroad's proposal that the city induce the state of Ohio to drop litigation to oust the railroad from land made by filling west of the Cuyahoga river. A deadlock had resulted at an earlier meeting.

Must Hold to Bargain.

"A bargain has been made with the city's representative," said Smith. "The New York Central railroad is here to carry it out. We stand by the original agreement. If the city won't, let us go back to the beginning and start all over again.

"If you want to repudiate the agreement of the mayor we might as well call everything off and start anew."

Smith said that the price of $1,250,000 for the tract which city councilmen wanted added was a fair one. To prove it was, he offered to buy back at the same rate all of the eastern land to be given the city and said that he was ready to make the first payment down.

It was finally proposed that the railroad give the city an option on the land at the price mentioned, this question to be submitted to voters for ratification at a later date.

After insisting that pending ordinance contain a provision that the city would make efforts to get the state to drop its lake front suit, George L. Peck, second vice president of the Pennsylvania lines, said that he would recommend its ratification by directors if approved by attorneys.

Must Be Assured.

Peck said that he must have assurances that the ordinance embodied all the provisions agreed upon at depot conferences with Mayor Baker.

There was some dispute as to what was meant by Mayor Baker's former statement that the city would not press any claim of its own in the controversy between the state and the railroad over the ownership of submerged land.

Peck held that this meant that the city would try to stop the litigation. Baker said the city could not press any claim because it had none now, but said that this did not bind the city not to acquire any land there in the future. A request of the attorney general to stop the litigation would meet with scant consideration, he said.

"You say that you are not interested in the state's claim," said Peck. "Well, we are. The ownership of the western lake front is a whole lot more important than the building of a depot.

Calls It a Scandal.

"It is a scandal to have such a broken down outfit as we have now for a depot, but we are not suffering and I don't think the New York Central is.

"We have gone along rather reluctantly with the New York Central and allowed them to dictate the policy, but we cannot consent to a condition that will put a fatal block in our way."

The council is to resume depot hearings today.

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LACK OF C. E. I. HEAT ENDANGERS CITY HALL

"The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. will cause $1,000,000 damages to the new city hall, unless it furnishes steam heat the city asks," Law Director Stockwell said Thursday when the C. E. I. filed with the public utilities commission at Columbus an appeal from the ordinance requiring the company to furnish heat.

Stockwell conferred with Server Sidlo as soon as he received a copy of the appeal. Sidlo told him:

That the plastering of the new city hall is completed, and interior decorating and finishing is nearly complete.

That all the interior work will be ruined if the plaster freezes this winter.

That the plastering will crack and fall, and that work aggregating $1,000,000 will have to be done over unless the hall can be heated.

That it is impossible to bring heat from the E. 55th-st muny light station because steam cannot be carried that far.

Hearing on the appeal probably will be held Wednesday.

The extension of the mains, according to the company's appeal, would cost $86,380.

"It would cost us 64 3-10 cents to manufacture and distribute each 1000 pounds of steam to the new city hall," says the company, "while all the city agrees to pay is 35 cents a thousand pounds."

The company says its pipes are adequate only for present consumers and that it never professed to be willing to sell steam heat to all parts of the city. It says the ordinance isn't valid because there was no public demand for it, and no petition for it came from any corporations or individuals.

Beside, the company says, the city has its own plant, which it is fully authorized to extend so as to give heat to the new city hall.

The company claims it would be confiscation of its property to force it to supply heat.

"There is already an Illuminating Co. main sufficient to carry heat from Prospect-av down E. Ninth-st to Rockwell-av," said Sidlo. "Then all that would be necessary would be three blocks of pipe from Rockwell-av to the new city hall."

President Sam Scovil of the Illuminating Co. said:

"We have offered to furnish service the city asks at a higher rate—a rate that will pay the cost of the service. That's all we want."

ROADS ASK MORE TIME TO REPORT

Promise to Decide on Union Depot Ordinance by Saturday

The New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads Thursday were given more time to decide whether they will give the city a three-year option on submerged rights now controlled by the railroads between E. 18th and E. 26th-sts, as a part of the new union depot contract.

Attorneys for the railroads stated at the public hearing on the new depot ordinance Thursday that they were not yet ready to report, but that they would give a definite answer by Saturday.

If the city is given this option, it will be included in the present ordinance which city officials plan to put up to the voters this fall.

Then, according to the plan, the voters may decide at the next municipal election, in November, 1917, whether they want the tract between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st badly enough to pay $1,250,000 for it.

By that time, city officials state, the city may have a more definite idea of harbor development. Councilmen who have studied the lake front insisted on the option.

They regard the proposed marginal railroad and coastal street connecting the piers with other railroads and shippers as the key to full city control of the shore.

If the railroads refuse to allow the option to be incorporated in the ordinance, the council may submit the question to the voters this fall as the agreement stands in the present ordinance.

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CITY CHANGE IN DEPOT BARGAIN MAY KILL DEAL

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Only three days remain for council to pass upon the ordinance as accepted by Mayor Baker after conference with the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines. The injection of additional complications into the ordinance by Councilman Reynolds Thursday had led to a situation that it seemed could not be straightened out in the short time allowed.

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It was said Thursday that President A. H. Smith of the New York Central had informed Mayor Baker his company would not accept the city's four-year option, but would insist upon a short option.

It was common talk among council members and city officials Thursday that the Pennsylvania was ready to announce its withdrawal from the whole deal. The refusal of the city to include the West Side property of the Pennsylvania in its immunity promise to the railroads is said to have met with the disapproval of the Pennsylvania officers.

Attorney W. C. Boyle, representing the Pennsylvania railroad, attended Thursday's meeting of the council committee of the whole when the union station ordinance was considered. General Counsel Jerome of the New York Central lines also attended.

If the New York Central insists on the city purchase of land for $1,250,000 be included in the ordinance or submitted as a separate proposition at the same time the ordinance is placed before the voters, defeat for the union station was predicted by councilmen.

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ILLUMINATING CO. FIGHTS CITY HALL HEAT BILL

Appeals to State Utilities Commission, Declaring Ordinance Means Big Loss.

The Illuminating company Thursday filed with the state utilities commission at Columbus an appeal from the ordinance passed by council in July ordering the company to supply heat to the new city hall. Copy of the appeal filed was served on Law Director Stockwell by attorneys for the Illuminating company.

The complaint charges the city council acted without authority in passing the ordinance, declares it would cost $86,380 to lay the mains, and says it has no franchise for the new city hall district, and cites an ordinance giving the territory to the M. A. Bradley Company.

The Illuminating company says it is not equipped to furnish steam heat to the new building, but is able only to furnish heat to its present consumers.

The company declares it has no assurance that it will have any business after this year, as it says the city contemplates installing its own heating plant in the hall next year, and that one year's business will not bring a revenue of more than $20,000, with a $3,000 profit, and that its equipment would be useless and the company would sustain a great loss after the city installed its own plant.

To reach the new building with steam conduits would require the laying of twenty-inch main from Canal rd generating station to Lakeside ave., and E. 6th st., and an eighteen-inch main from Superior ave. and E. 6th st. to the new building, the company charges. The cost of furnishing heat would be 64.3 for each one thousand pounds, the company cites, while the amount the city would pay under the ordinance passed by council could not be in excess of thirty-five cents per thousand pounds.

The Illuminating Company says it is willing to furnish electric power to the city hall and that the furnishing of steam heat is an incidental service. The ordinance would force the Illuminating Company to greatly increase its generation of steam without permitting it to dispose of the electricity which is generated at the same time.

The company asks the commission to set a date for a hearing.

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COUNCIL TO GET DEPOT MEASURE MONDAY NIGHT

Entire Ordinance Is Gone Over by Conferees and Only Changes in Phraseology Are Made.

Union depot and lake front settlement terms approved by Mayor Baker and officials of the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads will go before a committee of the whole city council for approval Monday night.

The entire ordinance was gone over by the council committee and attorneys for the two railroads, yesterday. The only changes made were those of phraseology.

No word was received from A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central, as to whether the railroad would give the city an option for the purchase of riparian rights between E. 18th st. and E. 26th st. at a price of $1,250,000.

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A demand by councilmen that these rights be included in the trade for the city's W. 9th st. holdings had threatened to break negotiations with the railroads.

The Pennsylvania company has insisted that the city make efforts to induce the state to drop lake front litigation if any new issues were interjected into the original agreement. This proposal was refused by the city.

It was the belief of councilmen yesterday that the city would abandon its claim for the additional shore rights.

If this is done the only possible stumbling block will be the refusal of George L. Peck, Pennsylvania vice president, to recommend the acceptance of the ordinance to directors.

Peck says that he must have assurance that the ordinance represents the terms agreed upon at a conference in Mayor Baker's office. He is to let the city have his answer today or tomorrow.

Mayor Baker's View.

Mayor Baker explained to the committee yesterday that the city would not control the entire lake front even if it got the additional riparian rights demanded from the New York Central, and said that it would be a great pity if the action of the city in demanding the land would force the railroad to leave Cleveland and develop other lake ports.

If approved by the committee of the whole prior to the council meeting the legislation will be passed under suspension of the rules. This will allow two weeks in which to circulate referendum petitions to have the depot and lake front settlement voted on this fall.

NORTON ACCEPTS WITT'S CHALLENGE TO DEBATE

A challenge to a joint debate was made to Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, by Peter Witt, Democratic candidate, and accepted by Norton last night at the annual outing of the Cuyahoga County Retail Liquor Dealers' Association at Luna park.

Witt then proposed that the other candidates be invited to join the debate, so as to make it what he termed a "battle royal."

Witt and Norton had been invited to speak on municipal politics, but Witt spoke principally against prohibition and declared himself for the liquor interests.

Norton criticized the Baker administration for what he characterized "incompetency and wastefulness."

The principal speaker of the day was C. A. Windle, of Chicago, editor of the Iconoclast, of Chicago. He branded prohibition as despotic.

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Refusing an invitation of the presiding officer to confine himself to municipal issues, an invitation of which Miner G. Norton availed himself, Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, in a ten minute speech last night at the annual outing of the Cuyahoga County Retail Liquor Dealers' association, placed himself on record as a wet, paid his respects to Candidates Harry L. Davis, and Charles P. Salen, and Gov. Frank B. Willis and challenged all his opponents to a joint debate.

Several thousand persons, crowding every seat in the big concert hall at Luna park, and standing several deep about the sides, cheered the candidate until they were hoarse.

Mr. Witt followed Miner G. Norton on the platform. Mr. Norton who had assailed the administration of Mayor Newton D. Baker for "incompetence," in his speech, interrupted Mr. Witt to accept the challenge of a joint debate.

"I will not confine myself to municipal issues," said Mr. Witt. "You people came out here to learn how I stand on the liquor question and I am going to tell you."

"Neither doctor nor committee can keep me from coming here and telling you what I believe about this problem," said Mr. Witt.

The crowd laughed. It was a thrust at both Candidate Davis and Candidate Salen. Mr. Eisele had previously read a letter from Mr. Davis apologizing for his absence.

The letter stated his citizens' committee had advised against his appearance on the ground it would detract from Davis day at Luna park. Mr. Eisele had also explained Mr. Salen absented himself on the advice of his doctor.

"I am squarely wet," announced Mr. Witt. I told you this last year and I believe the same now.

"I voted for the license amendment, not because I believed in it, but because the wets wanted it. I hope it will work out. Let's give it a fair trial. But if it does not work out, then the only thing to do is to have the state get out of the liquor business and allow the saloons to exist just as the grocery store and the meat market exist.

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Here Mr. Witt was interrupted by a man who wanted to know his stand on the boxing question. Mr. Witt replied that he would make that clear in the campaign.

Mr. Norton, in charging the Baker administration with "incompetence," declared the intersecting sewer system should have been finished long ago. He ridiculed the business sense of the administration for paying a bonus of $65,000, he said, to the contractors of the filtration plant.

"And the plant won't be ready for several months yet," he declared. "In another department you will find it cost $40,000 more to collect the city's garbage in 1914 than it did in 1913. Then there was spent this year $11,000 on the Warrensville cows.

"I am in favor of taking care of the poor before we take care of the cows. The city is running behind on current expenses. That's bad management. Then to consider the way the city's credit has dropped. We used to pay 3.13 per cent. on our bonds. Now we pay between 4 and 5."

Albert Eisele, president of the association, was chairman.

SEES LOSS TO CITY IF RAILROAD GOES

Mayor Dislikes to Drive New York Central to Another Port.

Railway Heads Have Not Put Official Price on Lake Front.

It would be a great loss to Cleveland to drive the New York Central railroad to Ashtabula or Conneaut by taking over lake front property which the company wants to keep for coal and ore purposes, Mayor Newton D. Baker told city council committee of the whole yesterday, when the question of extending the city's lake front holdings from E. 20th-st to E. 26th-st was under consideration.

This subject was discussed at yesterday's union station meeting, when the mayor reported the result of negotiations on the lake front question.

President A. H. Smith of the New York Central railroad has not yet forwarded a definite reply to the city as to the length of the option the companies would give the city on railroad property east of E. 20th-st.

The railroads have not officially named a price of 50 cents a square foot, although President Smith believes this should be asked.

Mayor Baker told the council committee the price was too high.

"We ought to insist on taking enough land for a belt line right of way and roadway," said Councilman Harry C. Gahn. "I'm not scared by their threat to go to other places. The city of Cleveland should have control of its port development."

The council will meet as a committee of the whole early Monday evening when definite action will be taken. The time for action on the pending ordinance was extended from ten to fourteen days. This was done at the suggestion of the Pennsylvania railroad officials.

DEPOT TO PASS MINUS DEMAND FOR LAKE LAND

The union station ordinance as drafted by Mayor Baker and representatives of the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads will be passed Monday night by council without any dissenting votes from the majority members. This was assured Friday after council committee of the whole agreed upon a favorable report on the original ordinance with a few minor changes.

This will mean abandonment of Councilman Reynolds' plan to get control of the submerged lands between E. 18th and E. 26th st., in addition to other submerged lands in exchange for old Bath st., which the city owns.

It was predicted at city hall that the city never will insist that the New York Central give the city an option to buy the submerged lands for $1,250,000, the price agreed upon by President A. H. Smith as the lowest figure. It was said the city would never pay that sum and that the idea would be dropped for fear the entire union station project would be defeated by voters.

The New York Central will not try to force the city to buy the submerged lands because it wants to retain its riparian rights for future development.

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Rev. J. S. Rutledge, district superintendent of the anti-saloon league, said no attempt will be made to make the liquor question a mayoralty issue.

"I admire Witt's sincerity," said Rev. Rutledge.

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Minority councilmen will likely line up with administration members in supporting the measure. Referendum petitions will be placed in circulation immediately after the passage of the ordinance in order that the settlement may be voted upon this fall.

Other Issues Up.

Other important projects will be submitted to popular vote by the council tonight. These include legislation to issue $1,500,000 worth of bonds to wipe out deficits in operating expenses and the proposed issuing of $1,600,000 grade crossing bonds, $300,000 Carnegie ave. street extension bonds and $100,000 public comfort station bonds.

The council already has authorized a vote upon charter amendments establishing a minimum wage of $2.50 per day, giving Lakewood and East Cleveland ward councilmen up on annexation and the question of increasing the tax levy by one-quarter of a mill for interest and sinking fund charges for sewage disposal plant bond issues.

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Has Amendment for Separating Lake Front and Union Building Deals.

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Not only the depot proposition, but other proposals to be submitted to the voters this fall will be up for final action tonight.

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Combination of Superior-av and Detroit-av N. W. as one street with the opening of the new high level bridge will be proposed in legislation to be offered in council at an early date by Councilman David Moylan. The name Cleveland-av has been suggested. The bridge will not be completed for some months.

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Indications are that council will unanimously vote Monday night to submit the union station ordinance to the people, as agreed upon between Mayor Baker and the railroads. Petitions will be distributed at Monday night's council meeting following the passage of the ordinance. It was expected the 10,000 signatures desired by Mayor Baker will be secured within a few days.

Councilman Gahn planned to introduce an amendment to the ordinance providing that the railroads give to the city lands for a roadway and a marginal railroad. This amendment probably will be defeated.

WON'T ANSWER CHARGE THAT HE'S MESMERIZED

Peter Witt, mayoralty candidate, Monday remained silent on the charge made at the Davis picnic at Luna park Saturday night by Appellate Judge Meals that President Stanley and the Cleveland Railway Company had him mesmerized. Witt also had nothing to say in answer to Meals' charge that he was permitting the railway company to water its stock as rapidly as possible.

"I'll give Meals five minutes at a tent meeting some night," was all he would say.

"It was the boast of a former mayor (Johnson) that he would squeeze water out of the railway company," Judge Meals said. "The company is putting it back as fast as the earnings will permit and our street railway commissioner is under an anesthetic."

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COUNCIL RATIFIES NEW DEPOT DEAL

Council Passes Bill After Tilts Between Mayor and Antis.

Terms agreed on by Mayor Baker and New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad officials for building a new union passenger station and the settling of lakefront disputes were ratified by the city council last night.

Circulation of referendum petitions on the ordinance was started immediately, in order that the settlement may be voted on this fall. Minority councilmen made an unsuccessful fight to have additional concessions from railroads included in the contract. Three amendments offered by them were rejected by a strict party vote.

Councilman Gahn was the only member voting against the ordinance when passed under suspension of rules, over the protests of the minority.

Clashes Frequent.

Tilts between Mayor Baker and anti-administration councilmen were frequent at the meeting. Councilman FitzGerald charged Baker with an attempt to rush through a settlement which did not adequately protect the public, in order to claim credit for a new union station. Baker was also accused of holding closed-door sessions with railroad heads and of taking a vacillating attitude on lakefront questions.

"The city council has had nothing to do with the bargain," said FitzGerald in support of the minority amendment. "Its intimate details were worked out by the mayor and railroad representatives behind closed doors. Now we are told by the mayor that the bargain will be upset if we attempt to suggest any changes."

In the proposed settlement the railroads pay the city $1,400,000 for thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land to be used as a depot site. The city exchanges forty acres of lakefront land at W. 9th st., won after a twenty-year court fight, for an equal acreage east of E. 9th st.

The city and railroads agree to cooperate in asking for the establishment of an eastern harbor line and in acquiring riparian rights from upland owners.

To Develop Mall.

The city surrenders its claims to street ends touching the lake on Whisky island and agrees to spend the $1,400,000 in developing the proposed E. 3d st. mall and esplanade as a depot approach.

Work on the depot will be started within six months after the transfer of land, and the building will be completed within three years.

One amendment offered by the minority was to reserve for the city a strip of ground 150 feet wide through railroad property east of E. 18th st., which is to be the easterly limit of the city's new holdings. In another it was agreed that the proposed trade was not to be construed as waiving any rights to submerged land now claimed for the public by the state of Ohio. A suit to quiet the title of this land is now pending in the supreme court. The third proposed amendment provided that the easterly harbor line was to extend only to E. 18th st.

Gahn Attacks Mayor.

Councilman Gahn accused Baker of being vacillating in his lake front policy.

Answering FitzGerald, Baker said that amendments should have been offered when railroad officials were present to consider them. He said the transaction would give the city all of the lake front it could possibly use for harbor development in years to come.

Councilman Bernstein put the council definitely on record in favor of a referendum with a resolution pledging all members to aid in getting signatures.

CITY OWN CARS? WITT VOTES 'NO'

Commissioner Declares Five-Cent Fare Would Be Necessary to Buy Property.

Street Railway Commissioner Witt announced yesterday he would vote against municipal ownership of the Cleveland Railway Company as proposed in an ordinance initiated by Socialists. He said, however, he will not publicly oppose the issue in his campaign for mayor.

Witt said that if mortgage bonds were issued to acquire the property of the company the grant securing the mortgage would have to have a five-cent fare provision. The rate of interest upon the mortgage bonds would amount to almost 6 per cent, he declared.

The railway company should be taken over by the city when the total value of stock amounts to $40,000,000, he says.

It is now $27,000,000. He declared the general faith and credit of the city should be back of the necessary bond issue.

Witt's statement yesterday was his first public declaration on the Socialists' proposal. The council street railway committee arranged a hearing on the initiated ordinance for Monday.

Socialists charge that city regulation of car lines has proved a failure because Witt allowed the company to exceed operating allowances.

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By the end of two weeks the railroads will have filed written acceptances which, Baker says, constitute a binding contract under state law.

Mayor Baker expects word this week as to whether the New York Central will give the city an option to buy, within two years, at $1,250,000, the tract between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st.

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Would Extend Muny Light.

The muny light plant will in vade new West-side territory wit 3-cent current if council acts f vorably on legislation introduced by Councilman Damm Monday night.

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ARRANGE AT ONCE CAMPAIGN OF WITT

County Executive Committeemen to Make Out Schedule of Speeches.

Warmest Mayoralty Battle in City's History is Predicted.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Arrangements and schedules for the Peter Witt mayoralty campaign are to be completed at once.

The Democratic county executive committee may be called into session before the end of the week to consider with the street railway commissioner campaign details preliminary to the formal opening of the fight.

The campaign of the administration forces behind Mr. Witt will be launched with a mass meeting in Acme hall, probably two or three days before Sept. 30, which is the first registration day.

Tent meetings will be started shortly afterward. Present plans are to use but one canvas-top in this year's campaign. The old Democratic tent will be pitched at street corners and in vacant lots as in years gone by, and to rows of upturned faces lit by the glare of gasoline torches Mr. Witt, tent campaigner for years, will expound the issues of the fight.

Plans are being laid for a debate in which Miner G. Norton will be a principal, Mr. Norton having accepted a challenge to other candidates issued by Mr. Witt at the liquor dealers' picnic at Luna Park recently. The debate is to be staged in the tent, and according to present plans will be set for early in October.

Management of the tent meetings, selection of sites and the business end of the tent campaign will be largely in the hands of J. Martin Thumm, deputy clerk of municipal court and member of the Democratic executive committee.

Mr. Witt has postponed all stumping and discussion of all issues until Oct. 1, but planners of the administration battle declare there will be no lull when he gets under way. Through all next month the candidate will be at it hammer and tongs, asserting his principles and assailing his opponents.

With an unprecedented field of candidates and with unusual issues involved, October, 1915, is likely to pass into history as the hottest month of campaigning Cleveland has known.

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N. Y. C. VOTES TO ACCEPT UNION DEPOT MEASURE

Directors at New York Meeting Agree Unconditionally to City's Ordinance.

OFFER TO PURCHASE TRACT

Decision Leaves Three Alternatives Open to City if Plan is Ratified.

Mayor Baker was notified Thursday that the New York Central railroad directors in New York Wednesday voted to accept the new union depot ordinance unconditionally.

The directors aso voted to give the city an option on the submerged land right between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st, at $1,250,000, or 50 cents a square foot.

If this is not desired by the city, Cleveland can consider a third proposal made by the directors to buy back the tract from E. 12th-st to E. 18th-st, which the city will get under the ordinance at 50 cents a square foot.

Leaves Three Alternatives.

This leaves three alternatives open to the city, if the ordinance is ratified by the people.

ONE: To stand pat on the present ordinance retaining the tract between E. 12th-st and E. 18th-st, and permitting the railroads to keep the tract from E. 18th-st to E. 26th-st.

TWO: Securing all the rights between E. 12th-st and E. 26th-st, by purchasing the tract east of E. 18th-st for $1,250,000.

THREE: Giving the railroad full control from E. 12th-st to E. 26th-st by selling back to them at 50 cents a square foot the tract between E. 12th-st and E. 18th-st, which the city will get under the ordinance.

Pennsy to Follow Suit.

Attorney Frank J. Jerome, local counsel for the New York Central, received word Thursday from President Alfred H. Smith of the directors' action. He transmitted the news to Baker.

Attorney William Boyle of the Pennsylvania railroad, has notified Baker that the directors of his road undoubtedly will follow suit Sept. 22.

These written acceptances, Baker says, will constitute a binding contract under state law.

"The railroads stand ready to give or take," said Jerome. "We believe this is fair."

Sept. 16

BETTORS MAKE WITT FAVORITE

Even Money on Tractioner Against All Candidates.

Peter Witt, democrat, ruled first choice in the betting Thursday over the field in the Cleveland mayoralty handicap. Even money was wagered that he will be elected over Charles P. Salen, democrat, and Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, republicans.

C. E. Ruthenburg, socialist candidate, had a number of admirers, who took a chance that he will receive more than 7000 first choice votes.

It was even money that Salen will not receive 12,000 first choice votes, while it was even betting that Witt will not poll 40,000 first choice votes, Davis not 36,000 first and Norton not 8000.

There was very little republican money in sight and that was snapped up at 2 to 1 on Witt.

Here are the bets on the board at Tim Raleigh's, betting commissioner, as posted at noon Thursday:

Two hundred even Peter Witt, democrat, will be elected mayor.

One hundred even Witt will receive more first choice votes than any other candidate.

One hundred even Salen, democrat, will not receive 12,000 first choice votes.

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One hundred even Ruthenburg, socialist, will not receive 7000 first choice votes.

Fifty even Witt will not receive 40,000 first choice votes.

Fifty even Davis, republican, will not receive 36,000 first choice votes.

Fifty to one hundred Ruthenburg will receive more first, second and third choice votes than Salen.

Two hundred to one hundred that the dry amendment does not carry.

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N. Y. CENTRAL ACCEPTS STATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Baker announced Thursday that the New York Central railroad had accepted the union station ordinance as passed by council Monday night, and that the road's directors had taken favorable action on the proposed option to be given the city for the purchase of submerged lands between E. 18th and E. 26th sts. for $1,250,000.

The ordinance will be considered by Pennsylvania railroad directors next week. Vice President George Peck assured Baker he would recommend its acceptance.

Baker expected Thursday to have secured the required number of signatures for a referendum on the ordinance by Saturday.

WITT TO MAKE HOT FIGHT STARTING OCT. 1

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The first gun of administration forces will be fired a few days before September 30, at a mass meeting in Acme hall.

Witt will hurl oral bombs from tent stumps continuously, beginning about October 1, it is said.

A feature of the tent meetings will be a debate between Witt and Miner G. Norton, Republican mayoralty seeker.

Friday Leader Sept. 17

WITT'S CAMPAIGN TO BE OUTLINED BY LEADERS OF PARTY

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Plans for the mayoralty campaign of Peter Witt will be made at meetings to be held in Democratic headquarters next Tuesday afternoon. The call for the meetings was issued yesterday by Chairman Bulkley and Secretary Brennan, of the Democratic executive committee.

Witt is to meet with the executive committee at 4 o'clock for a conference at which the plans for the campaign will be mapped out. Following this conference the ward leaders of the Democratic organization will meet with Witt and the executive committee and receive instructions as to the work to be done to get Democrats to the booths to register and to vote.

Tentative plans for the Witt campaign which the committee will be asked to ratify call for its opening at a big organization meeting to be held in Acme hall on E. 9th st., about the middle of October. All the little cogs in the big local Democratic machine will be ordered to appear at this gathering of the "uplift group." Tent meetings, to be held for two weeks, will be started about a week after the Acme hall rally.

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The Philadelphia Evening Ledger Tuesday Sept. 14

LET THE GANG RULE THE CITY

But Let It Be the Whole Gang—How to Overcome the Obstacles in the Way of Community Consciousness and Self-Government

By NEWTON D. BAKER
Mayor of Cleveland.

A CITY will always be governed. Sometimes its governors are one group of people, sometimes another group. The group in control is called by those who resent its actions "the gang." As a consequence, a city is gang ruled, and the only remedy for this is to enlarge the gang until it consists of a whole body of citizens. That is to say, a city will always be ruled by those who have a special interest in ruling it a particular way until all of the people in the city decide that they will rule it themselves in the general public interest. This determination on the part of all the people can be brought about by agitation and education. Fortunately, we have now in America a number of cities which are well on the way toward real community consciousness and self-government. The chief obstacles which have to be overcome are these:

No Such Word as "Fail"

First. The special financial interests which profit by government and therefore can afford to spend the large sums of money to retain power.

Second. Hopelessness on the part of citizens generally, who have participated in "reform campaigns" only to find themselves powerless against the compact organization and abundant finances of the special interests, or to find that reform success was not a permanent betterment of city conditions.

Third. The real limitations which have been placed upon the powers of the city by State Legislatures, either procured by special interests as a safeguard to their own control, or permitted to remain unrelieved by State Legislatures, which have failed to appreciate that in this new age a city can meet its responsibilities only when it has the power to analyze its own conditions and to devise and execute remedies.

As to the first of these three obstacles, it is only fair to say that the public utility monopolies in America are being brought to a recognition of the fact that their business is so far affected with the public interest that they must be subject to public regulation and control. They recognize that the day of speculative profits, limitless valuation and extortionate rates is past and that the public utilities of transportation, light, power and water are going to be secured at fair rates and under favorable conditions by American cities, from privately managed plants, if that be possible, but from publicly managed plants if that be necessary to secure the results. As a consequence of the education which has gone on on this subject in the last 20 years, the buying of Councils, the granting of improvident franchises and the maintenance of extortionate charges is too well understood to be longer tolerated, and this great obstacle to good government is going to be eliminated.

The indifference, or rather the hopelessness, of those who have fought only to be beaten, or won only to be disappointed, will also disappear with education, and the necessary education will come as soon as the power and responsibility which the modern city demands are secured for it, either by constitutional amendment or legislative enactment. As a matter of fact, an honest and patriotic man must continue this fight no matter how often beaten or how bitterly disappointed. The spontaneous upward trend in America will not brook acceptance of defeat here. The American city is either a menace or a blessing. To make it the latter is a challenge to our sense of personal and business security and well-being which we must take up.

Home Rule for Cities

Probably the only program upon which all can agree is embodied in the words "Home Rule for Cities." Our State Legislatures have sought to make cities good by making them powerless. They have succeeded in making them corrupt because they were feeble. The emancipation of the city is the immediate task. This does not mean any loss of State feeling; it erects no independent government within the State; but in accordance with all the traditions upon which Anglo-Saxon liberty is based it establishes the right of local self-government and gives the people of a city the power to determine as they will purely local concerns. This includes the power to deal with local public utility questions and substitutes the direct, informed and interested public action of citizens of the city for the slow and fruitless bewilderments of State Public Utility Commissions. It gives the city the right to determine whether it will invest enough of the money of its own people to stamp out tuberculosis; to improve sanitary conditions; to light and police its streets; to abolish the evils of the slums, and when a city-dwelling people have such power they acquire very quickly a community consciousness which will use that power for the perfection of their institutions and betterment of their city life. Thomas Paine once said, "Arguing with a person who had taken leave of his senses is like giving medicine to the dead." Somewhat in the same way agitating for better things among people who have merely the right to hope and no power to do may be regarded as vain.

There is an identity of interest among people of the State, whether they live in the city or in the rural districts, in this regard. The corrupt, insanitary and diseased city is deadly alike to its own people and to the State of which it is a part. Its output of criminals, its contribution of insane, its degradation of public morality, and its propagation of contagious disease become a State burden and a State peril. The appeal should therefore be made to the people of the State to free the city, place on its shoulders the responsibility for its own well-being, and then the process of education in public right will be addressed to people who can both understand and act.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer Sunday Sept. 19.

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Officials Gather Data on Existing Underground Operations.

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W. R. Hopkins, president of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Co., which holds a subway franchise, is to see Surveyor Stinchcomb tomorrow to make sure that plans for the high level bridge approach do not conflict with plans for the Hopkins subway.

That the county intends to begin immediate work on the eastern approach was indicated by a question from one of the commissioners as to how soon the ordinance could be passed. Mayor Baker indicated a short delay for city investigation and for learning the Cleveland Railway Co.'s attitude on the project.

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Women's gloves 19c

White chamois lisle, two-clasp style, formerly 25c a pair, but the sizes reduced to mostly 6 and 6½.

Toilet-soaps 2½c

Think of getting good reliable toilet-soap at 2½c a cake! That's your opportunity beginning Tuesday.

Armour's soaps, including such odors as lily-of-the-valley, lilac and autumn rose.

Egyptian poros-mesh shirts and drawers at the reduced price of 19c a garment, formerly 23c.

The size-range is not complete.

Special lot of smaller rugs

Bigelow Axminsters that are extremely serviceable—not a large assortment but all the patterns and colorings desirable—the prices considerably less than the same quality usually commands.

24 x 48 inches—$2.45.
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4 x 7 feet—very special at $1.85—woven of new clean rags in very pretty hit-and-miss effects.

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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, yesterday came out strongly in favor of the Union station ordinance to be submitted to the voters Nov. 2, and announced he would urge in his campaign that it be ratified.

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Candidate Davis explained his stand in this statement:

Cleveland is entitled to a new union station which will be representative of its population and commercial greatness. The present station is not only inconvenient and unsightly, but gives a bad impression to thousands of the traveling public.

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Several thousand dollars was collected last Tuesday, when city hall employees received their pay envelopes for the first half of September. In all, it is hoped to raise about $20,000.

Witt's lieutenants justify the assessment by pointing to a ruling made by Law Director Stockwell a year ago, that there is nothing in the city charter to prevent a civil service employee contributing to a political campaign. Stockwell, however, was discussing voluntary contributions.

Fesler Says It's Illegal.

Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League, maintains that the charter makes it very plain that any person who solicits such contributions from such ebployees is subject to arrest and fine. But city hall hasn't been in the habit of taking Fesler seriously—unless it had to.

Sidlo, in the process of heatedly denying that any city hall civil service or other employees have been asked by him to help the Witt fund, said that he knew contributions were being made by city hall to Democratic headquarters, 118 Engineers building.

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William H. Kirby, secretary to Sidlo, said Monday he had added his share toward the 1 per cent collection.

"Democrats cannot depend on corporations for raising their campaign fund," Kirby said. "I feel perfectly free to give my bit to help the cause."

According to Sidlo it is permissible for noncivil service employees to seek contributions from those in the classified service. But for civil service employees to ask fellow civil service employees for donations is prohibited by the new charter. Neither is there any reason why city hall Democrats should not help their fellow Democrat, Witt, along, he maintained.

Witt Denies Threat.

"I know nothing at all about any campaign contributions," Witt said when asked what knowledge he had of the order. "I don't know anything about that end of the campaign except that in past years I've always made my little contribution."

Witt also flatly denied the statement attributed to him that he had demanded the names of city hall employees who had refused to contribute to his campaign fund and had stated he would fire those who did refuse to contribute, if he was elected mayor.

"The Democratic committee is handling the financial end of the campaign," Witt said. "That's all I know about it."

Waterworks employees, protected by civil service, revolted when the word was passed around by Schulz. It was said that all of them stood pat on their refusal when they received their pay envelopes last Tuesday.

When Witt learned of this it was said he hurried to city hall and held a conference with Service Director Sidlo, who is managing Witt's affairs. Then—

"Get me the names of those who have refused to contribute," Witt is reported as having said. "I'll fire every one of them when I take office, civil service or no civil service."

This order, passed along to the insurgents, was expected Monday to bring all of them to the head of their department next pay day with their contributions.

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The campaign is expecte... formally opened with a ... meeting at Acme hall, E. 9th st., early next week. The two big tents in which Witt will do most of his talking will be hauled out of storage early in October, Secretary Brannon of the committee said Monday.

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Candidate Davis explained h... stand in this statement:

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Three candidates for re-election ... council filed. President of Council ... F. Thompson and Councilman Joseph ... Sledz of Ward 14 each had about ... 800 names. Councilman James ... McGinty of Ward 9 filed 1,100.

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BOSSES HAVE PLATFORM, SO HAS THE TRACTIONER

Clash Is Expected When Issues Are Laid Down at Ward Captains' Meeting.

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Receipts for contributions, voluntary or involuntary, will be given by Tom Brannon, secretary-treasurer of the Democratic executive committee, if requested, it became known. Also, a good many of "the boys" at the city hall look upon their contribution as a sort of insurance. They assume that their jobs will continue to be theirs if Witt succeeds Mayor Baker.

It also came to light Tuesday that Safety Director Benesch is acting as a clearing house for employees in his department. Through him contributions from four employees have found their way into the coffers. One donation was the equivalent of two weeks' salary of the donor. Benesch himself has deposited his sixty dollars, or 1 per cent of his $6,000 salary, and stands ready to double the amount.

Winans Gives Thirty Dollars.

Charities Commissioner Winans, $3,000 man, is at least one to whom Brannon has given a receipt. It reads: "Received of W. H. Winans thirty dollars ($30), September 17, 1915—Tom R. Brannon, treas. Dem. exec. comm."

"Don't you suppose I know when it's time for me to contribute?" asked Winans Tuesday. "And I don't do it to help keep my job, either. I contributed because I believe in the things Peter Witt stands for."

Winans is a civil service employee.

"The idea that a campaign contribution is insurance is novel, but plausible," said Benesch. "A party must have funds with which to run its campaign. Contributions have been coming in ever since the call was issued."

Councilman "Jimmy" McGinty, Baker's right hand in council, rather deplored the fact.

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The petitions filed were circulated by Taylor and his friends without the knowledge or consent of Boyd. They were placed in circulation soon after a committee called upon Boyd and asked him to become a candidate. Later he announced he would not enter the race. A few days ago he was asked to reconsider his decision.

The filing of the Boyd petitions will mean that Boyd either must consent to run or decline to enter the race within the next few days. Thursday is the last day on which petitions for municipal candidates can be filed, while all candidates have an additional five days in which to file their acceptances. The date for filing acceptances expires next Tuesday.

BAKER PLEADS FOR HALL HEAT; TO DELAY MOVE

Mayor Baker appeared before the state utilities commission at Columbus Tuesday to conduct personally the fight of the city to compel the Illuminating company to extend its steam heating mains to the new city hall. Assisting him were Law Director Stockwell, Service Director Sidlo, Light Commissioner Ballard and Assistant Law Director Young.

John Wolf, mechanical engineer for the Illuminating company, testified it would be impracticable to attempt to serve the new city hall by tapping either the Euclid or Superior mains, but said a new main would have to be constructed direct from the plant to the city hall.

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Wolf said the new city hall would take 42,000 pounds of steam heat an hour and that this could not be piped from either of the company's present mains.

Light Commissioner Ballard differed with Wolf and declared the hall would demand only 21,000 pounds an hour.

Sidlo said that if the state commission knocks out the ordinance compelling the city to extend its mains it means that the city offices cannot be moved to the new hall until spring.

"We can't work without heat and it would be impossible to make other arrangements this fall," said Sidlo. The city had planned to vacate the old hall, the library building and the old gas office December 1.

Wolf presented guages taken from mains serving Hotel Statler, the new courthouse and the Illuminating office building, to show the fluctuations in pressure.

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There will be no half-way about the Witt campaign, which it was decided yesterday will be launched with a rally in Acme hall, Oct. 5. The candidate and the Democratic organization expect whole-hearted support or none. Through and across and up and down, the attitude will be one without question and without compromise—"for or against."

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An example of the intention of the Witt campaigners to draw a hard and fast line "for or against" lay in the assembling at headquarters of an administration delegation from ward 6, to confer with committeemen and Witt leaders regarding the situation in that ward. For some time the sixth has not "delivered" as organization Democrats think it should. Data having been compiled to show that there are more than 160 city and county administration employes in the ward, the delegation appeared yesterday with the purpose, it was stated, of giving the committee a list of what few workers in the ward have been attending meetings and sharing actively in the organization's work. The committee intends to have its hand strengthened in that ward or know the reason why.

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Developments at city hall Tuesday following the exposure of Tractioner Witt's threat to discharge every employee, civil service or no, who refused to swell the Democratic campaign fund, tended to stamp as true Witt's statement that this fall's race is to be one of those "different kind."

Receipts for contributions, voluntary or involuntary, will be given by Tom Brannon, secretary-treasurer of the Democratic executive committee, if requested, it became known. Also, a good many of "the boys" at the city hall look upon their contribution as a sort of insurance. They assume that their jobs will continue to be theirs if Witt succeeds Mayor Baker.

It also came to light Tuesday that Safety Director Benesch is acting as a clearing house for employees in his department. Through him contributions from four employees have found their way into the coffers. One donation was the equivalent of two weeks' salary of the donor. Benesch himself has deposited his sixty dollars, or 1 per cent of his $6,000 salary, and stands ready to double the amount.

Winans Gives Thirty Dollars.

Charities Commissioner Winans, $3,000 man, is at least one to whom Brannon has given a receipt. It reads: "Received of W. H. Winans thirty dollars ($30), September 17, 1915—Tom R. Brannon, treas. Dem. exec. comm."

"Don't you suppose I know when it's time for me to contribute?" asked Winans Tuesday. "And I don't do it to help keep my job, either. I contributed because I believe in the things Peter Witt stands for."

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"The idea that a campaign contribution is insurance is novel, but plausible," said Benesch. "A party must have funds with which to run its campaign. Contributions have been coming in ever since the call was issued."

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BAKER PLEADS FOR HALL HEAT; TO DELAY MOVE

Mayor Baker appeared before the state utilities commission at Columbus Tuesday to conduct personally the fight of the city to compel the Illuminating company to extend its steam heating mains to the new city hall. Assisting him were Law Director Stockwell, Service Director Sidlo, Light Commissioner Ballard and Assistant Law Director Young.

John Wolf, mechanical engineer for the Illuminating company, testified it would be impracticable to attempt to serve the new city hall by tapping either the Euclid or Superior mains, but said a new main would have to be constructed direct from the plant to the city hall.

It was estimated this would cost $100,000.

Wolf said the new city hall would take 42,000 pounds of steam heat an hour and that this could not be piped from either of the company's present mains.

Light Commissioner Ballard differed with Wolf and declared the hall would demand only 21,000 pounds an hour.

Sidlo said that if the state commission knocks out the ordinance compelling the city to extend its mains it means that the city offices cannot be moved to the new hall until spring.

"We can't work without heat and it would be impossible to make other arrangements this fall," said Sidlo. The city had planned to vacate the old hall, the library building and the old gas office December 1.

Wolf presented guages taken from mains serving Hotel Statler, the new courthouse and the Illuminating office building, to show the fluctuations in pressure.

Eight expert engineers will testify along the same line for the company.

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There will be no half-way about the Witt campaign, which it was decided yesterday will be launched with a rally in Acme hall, Oct. 5. The candidate and the Democratic organization expect whole-hearted support or none. Through and across and up and down, the attitude will be one without question and without compromise—"for or against."

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"I am not a spoilsman, have never been one and don't expect to be. I want that clearly understood," the commissioner told the committeemen and ward leaders.

"But those who are my friends I'll stay with, and those who are not with me I'll regard as my enemies. I am a positive man, and a positive man cannot expect to get many second choice votes."

The candidate then urged that he be given the first choice votes of his friends, and that they cast no second or other choice votes.

An example of the intention of the Witt campaigners to draw a hard and fast line "for or against" lay in the assembling at headquarters of an administration delegation from ward 6, to confer with committeemen and Witt leaders regarding the situation in that ward. For some time the sixth has not "delivered" as organization Democrats think it should. Data having been compiled to show that there are more than 160 city and county administration employes in the ward, the delegation appeared yesterday with the purpose, it was stated, of giving the committee a list of what few workers in the ward have been attending meetings and sharing actively in the organization's work. The committee intends to have its hand strengthened in that ward or know the reason why.

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Petitions with more than the requisite number of names were filed for William H. Boyd, Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, Republicans; Charles P. Salen and Peter Witt, Democrats: C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist, and Richard Koeppel, Socialist-Labor.

Boyd's Position.

Boyd, however, has thus far refused to make a declaration of candidacy, and insists he will not permit his name to go on the ballot unless Davis and Norton withdraw and he is assured the support of a united Republican party. He has declared all along that he will refuse to be the candidate of a faction and will do nothing to aid party division.

Those prospective candidates who failed to file petitions were Frank Krause, Earl Wells, Ralp Staniforth and Winfield Scott Bookwalter.

One hundred and thirty-four candidates for councilmen filed nominating petitions, averaging almost five to a ward. In most of the Democratic wards one or more opponents of the party machine's candidates have entered the lists. In some Republican wards there are more than two Republican aspirants for the council.

Five days remain for candidates to withdraw from the race, and efforts are to be continued by leaders in each party to induce some of the seekers for council seats to pull out of the race.

Three for Bench.

Three candidates are entered for chief justice of the municipal court, while thirty-eight seek the six seats as judges that are to be filled at the coming election.

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The Lakewood voters will have a chance to pick five councilmen-at-large from a field of eight or ten candidates.

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Democrats who dared to file nominating petitions for ward councilmen without permission from the bosses of the party are threatened with punishment by the organization machine.

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The bosses had to wait until the time for filing petitions expired last night before learning how many would-be councilmen had disobeyed orders. Their insurrection is to be dealt with by the Democratic executive committee at a meeting called for 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

At this meeting the machine slate for ward councilmen and tax assessors will be prepared. Recommendations by ward leaders are to have weight in the making of indorsements.

Pressure is being brought to bear on the committee to indorse candidates for municipal judgeships.

In past years the committee has refused to make a judicial slate and there is opposition to doing so this year, because of the number of Democrats who have filed petitions for places on the municipal court ticket.

The executive committee will assign speakers for the ward organization meetings next week. Peter Witt, machine candidate for mayor, will speak at all meetings he can reach and Mayor Newton D. Baker will talk in the East Side wards Monday and Tuesday.

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The trip of Cleveland councilmen to Chicago scheduled for next Monday night has been postponed until Thursday. Politics caused the change of plans. Councilman E. A. Meyers, chairman of the entertainment committee, in letters to the Republican councilmen yesterday, explained that the Democratic organization had arranged for ward meetings next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and as the Democratic councilmen wanted to take care of their political interests the journey to Chicago would not be taken until Thursday.

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Carl F. Wetzel, secretary of the Republican city committee and a candidate for councilman from the Twenty-fourth ward, announced yesterday that if elected he would establish an office at E. 105th st. and St. Clair ave., where residents of the ward could consult him on aldermanic business.

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The Tenth and Twenty-second ward Republican clubs will hold a joint meeting tonight at 1478 E. 66th st.

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MAYOR TO FINISH SUIT BEFORE EXIT

Goes to Columbus Today for Tunnel Litigation Begun When He Was Solicitor.

Important litigation started during his career as city solicitor will be entirely disposed of before he retires from office January 1, Mayor Baker said yesterday.

He will go to Columbus today to represent the city in the damage suit brought by W. J. Gawne, tunnel builder, against the city. This will probably be Baker's last appearance in court as a representative of the city.

Gawne was the contractor for the East Side waterworks tunnel. The work was taken from him and completed by the city. He sued for $123,147.34. The city presented a counter claim for $442,065.45. Common pleas court May 6, 1911, gave the city a verdict of $284,802.85. This judgment was reduced to $234,802.85 by appelate court. Gawne's attorneys then carried the case to the supreme court.

PETITIONS FILED FOR DEPOT VOTE

Council to Authorize Referendum; Mayor Explains Proposition to Chamber.

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The city council, Monday night, will authorize the submission of the question at the municpal election this fall. If the legislation is approved the exchange of lakefront land will be made and work upon a union depot started within six months by the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads.

Details of the proposition were explained by Baker to four committees of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. He also went over tentative plans with E. H. Graham, of the D. H. Burnham Company, Chicago, employed by the railroads as depot architects.

The chamber committees considering the legislation are river and harbor improvement, municipal art and architecture, city finances and municipal affairs. The joint committees will issue a report later.

In explaining the agreement with the railroads Baker said that $1,000,000 of the $1,400,000 to be received from the sale of a depot site in Lakeview park would be used in acquiring property for the proposed E. 3d st. mall and esplanade. The remainder will be used in improving the mall as a depot approach.

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Most of the mayoralty campaigns will be launched Oct. 1.

Witt and Mayor Baker will be the only speakers in the opening days of Witt's campaign, Tom Brannon, democratic executive secretary, announced Friday. Two tents probably will be used, Brannon said.

If a second tent is used, other speakers, probably Finance Director Coughlin, Judge Clarke and Server Sidlo will speak.

Norton said Friday he had no immediate plans made for his campaign.

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Frank S. Krause, 456 Leader-News building, had petitions for mayor containing 2,800 signatures, but failed to file them.

CAN'T FIGURE FIGURES FOR LIGHT CO., REPLY

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Press of other business and inability to interpret figures in lighting department books are said to be the reasons. A week's campaign for a municipal light bond issue in Kalamazoo, which fell flat, and jaunts to Elyria have taken up a good share of Ballard's time.

Because the attack has gone unanswered is said to be partly responsible for Baker's feeling against the Illuminating company before the state utilities commission at Columbus Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Harmony Conference of Republican Leaders in Hollenden Doesn't Open Clear Path for Boyd.

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PARTY MEN THINK PACT MAY COME THIS WEEK

Chairman Concedes Witt's Election With Three Opponents.

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Predictions of overwhelming defeat this fall sounding the dirge, the hope of Cleveland Republicans that yesterday would see the party's mayoralty situation cleared for one candidate to receive a united backing was laid to rest in a room in The Hollenden.

After conferring behind locked doors from 4 p. m. until 6, more than a score of conspicuous Republicans who had gathered at the request of the conciliation committee of the League of Republican clubs voted to summon Miner G. Norton, announced candidate, and W. H. Boyd, for whom petitions have been filed but who has said he would not run unless given the undivided support of Republicans.

Harry L. Davis, the other avowed contender, had accepted an invitation to be represented by appearing himself and had participated in the two-hour discussion without indicating any intention of yielding his ground. Mr. Norton and Mr. Boyd both had representatives present, but it was decided to have the two candidates and Mr. Boyd, the prospective candidate, talk it over in person.

Mr. Norton, reached by telephone, went at once to the hotel, but Mr. Boyd could not be found. Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton conferred by themselves for twenty minutes in the room where the session had convened. Then they emerged.

Report No Agreement.

"The situation is unchanged," was their word when they walked out, and without waiting to report to the committee, both left the hotel. The committee, which had scattered in the hall and in the lobby downstairs, reconvened.

There was bitter criticism of Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton. Whether the committee should arrange another conference was considered. Hugh F. Taylor, president of the Scotch-American Republican club and chief of the Boyd boosters, said he thought the effort just over was final, and predicted that Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton would be the two worst defeated candidates that ever sought office in Cleveland.

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News. Friday Sept. 4

6 BEGIN FIGHTS FOR MAYORALTY

Six mayoralty candidates were in the field Friday with the possibility of a seventh within the next four days if Attorney William H. Boyd decides to sign his acceptance to petitions already filed.

Boyd still declares he will be a candidate only in the event of Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, both seeking Republican organization suppor, withdrawing.

Here are the candidates: Peter Witt, Democratic organization candidate; Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, Republicans; S. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist; Charles P. Salen, Democrat, and Richard Koeppel, Socialist-Labor. Earl H. Wells failed to file his petitions.

There are three candidates for chief justice of municipal court, ten candidates for the three six-year terms and twenty-eight candidates for the three four-year terms as judge.

For the twenty-six council places there are 134 candidates. This number may be reduced at a meeting of the Democratic county committee Saturday when the organization slate will be made up.

Fred Kohler, former chief of police and Earle A. Foster oppose Peter J. Henry for municipal court clerk.

In Lakewood Mayor Tyler is a candidate for re-election against John H. Brown and B. F. Mills.

Frank S. Krause, 456 Leader-News building, had petitions for mayor containing 2,800 signatures, but failed to file them.

CAN'T FIGURE FIGURES FOR LIGHT CO., REPLY

Five weeks ago, following the issuance of a booklet, supposedly by the Illuminating company and setting municipal light down as a failure, Mayor Baker requested Lighting Commissioner Ballard to prepare a "stinging reply." Friday the answer had not yet materialized and the date of its completion is indefinite.

Press of other business and inability to interpret figures in lighting department books are said to be the reasons. A week's campaign for a municipal light bond issue in Kalamazoo, which fell flat, and jaunts to Elyria have taken up a good share of Ballard's time.

Because the attack has gone unanswered is said to be partly responsible for Baker's feeling against the Illuminating company before the state utilities commission at Columbus Tuesday and Wednesday.

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CONCILIATION MEET FAILS; NORTON AND DAVIS WON'T QUIT

Harmony Conference of Republican Leaders in Hollenden Doesn't Open Clear Path for Boyd.

Rival Candidates for Mayor Hold Powwow Alone, Then Say They Cannot Agree.

PARTY MEN THINK PACT MAY COME THIS WEEK

Chairman Concedes Witt's Election With Three Opponents.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Predictions of overwhelming defeat this fall sounding the dirge, the hope of Cleveland Republicans that yesterday would see the party's mayoralty situation cleared for one candidate to receive a united backing was laid to rest in a room in The Hollenden.

After conferring behind locked doors from 4 p. m. until 6, more than a score of conspicuous Republicans who had gathered at the request of the conciliation committee of the League of Republican clubs voted to summon Miner G. Norton, announced candidate, and W. H. Boyd, for whom petitions have been filed but who has said he would not run unless given the undivided support of Republicans.

Harry L. Davis, the other avowed contender, had accepted an invitation to be represented by appearing himself and had participated in the two-hour discussion without indicating any intention of yielding his ground. Mr. Norton and Mr. Boyd both had representatives present, but it was decided to have the two candidates and Mr. Boyd, the prospective candidate, talk it over in person.

Mr. Norton, reached by telephone, went at once to the hotel, but Mr. Boyd could not be found. Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton conferred by themselves for twenty minutes in the room where the session had convened. Then they emerged.

Report No Agreement.

"The situation is unchanged," was their word when they walked out, and without waiting to report to the committee, both left the hotel. The committee, which had scattered in the hall and in the lobby downstairs, reconvened.

There was bitter criticism of Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton. Whether the committee should arrange another conference was considered. Hugh F. Taylor, president of the Scotch-American Republican club and chief of the Boyd boosters, said he thought the effort just over was final, and predicted that Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton would be the two worst defeated candidates that ever sought office in Cleveland.

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Mayor Tyler of Lakewood Seeks Re-Election on Record.

Active future participation in city, state and national politics by Mayor Newton D. Baker, although he is retiring from official life, was predicted yesterday, when the mayor again became a member of the Cuyahoga county Democratic executive committee.

Mayor Baker resigned as chairman and member of the committee July 18, 1914, stating he wished to be able to give all his time to the administrative problems of the city, and indicating that he believed it inconsistent for the head of a nonpartisan administration to remain the chairman of a partisan committee. The mayor said yesterday he felt this aspect of inconsistency is removed with his retirement to private life.

"I am returning to the ranks of private citizens," he said. "I am intensely desirous to see Woodrow Wilson re-elected president, and to lend my aid to the election of a good governor next year, and I believe I can accomplish more on the committee than off it. I think there is no inconsistency in my again becoming a member of the committee, now that I am retiring to the ranks."

The mayor attended the committee's meeting in Democratic headquarters, Engineers building, and loud applause sounded from the committee room as his re-election was announced.

The Democratic committee decided against framing a preferred list of candidates for the municipal bench, and postponed until a meeting at 4 p. m. tomorrow consideration of a slate of candidates for ward assessorships. The councilmans ticket also will be finally approved by the committee tomorrow.

Organization leaders discussed the issues to be urged by committee members in speaking at Democratic ward club meetings tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, emphasizing that support be given the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal franchise and the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue. That administration forces consider these two proposals particularly important was shown by the remarks of the mayor in the committee meeting. The tone in which he discussed them demonstrated his belief that both are leading issues.

Plans for the Peter Witt campaign are to be given finishing touches at the committee meeting tomorrow afternoon.

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Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor, yesterday declared himself for revision of the building code.

"I favor a revision of the building code," he said, "to the end that it encourage and not hamper build operations."

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UNITED G. O. P. FORLORN HOPE, LEADERS FIND

Davis and Norton Decline to Join in Peace Move.

SITUATION UNCHANGED

Two Candidates for Mayor Confer, Depart Ignoring League Committee.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Republican unity in the Cleveland mayoralty campaign is but a forlorn hope.

Efforts of the conciliation committee of the League of Republican Clubs for party harmony and to bring about united support for one candidate has apparently met with complete failure.

Unless the committee is requested by Harry L. Davis or Miner G. Norton to meet again before Tuesday night, there will be no further endeavor to solidify the Republican opposition to the entrenched Democracy, which now governs the city.

Supreme Effort Fails.

A supreme effort was made last evening by the committee, with the assistance of a score of other Republicans anxious for Republican success, for party unity.

Cornelius Maloney and Jonathan Evans, of the conciliation committee, and President John Braschwitz, of the League of Republican Clubs, ex officio a member of the committee, at the conclusion of the conference declared they were ready to report that their efforts had proven fruitless.

Braschwitz declared he would not waste another minute in trying to bring order out of political chaos, while Evans charged that Candidate Davis, because he was refused indorsement by the league, had sought to run the Republican clubs.

Maloney, who presided at the conference, in adjourning it subject to call, said there was no need to meet again unless at the request of the mayoralty candidates.

Wouldn't Wait for Boyd.

These declarations followed a brief conference between Davis and Norton, who, coming together at the solicitation of the conferees, refused to wait until William H. Boyd could be found and invited to talk with them. Davis and Norton left the room without reporting the result of their interview to the committee, merely saying to the newspaper men that the situation was "unchanged," and that both of them were still candidates for mayor.

The conciliation committee met at the Hollenden hotel. Among the Republicans present who were invited to assist the committee in its deliberations were W. J. Chamberlain, O. C. Ringle, Guy O. Farquharson, Michael Goldsmith, Frank Sarstedt, Dr. A. P. Howland, W. C. Mangan, Joseph David, George W. Chapman and William H. Evers.

Invited to Conference.

The two Republican candidates for mayor, Davis and Norton, and William H. Boyd, in whose behalf nominating petitions have been filed but who has not consented to run for the office, had been invited to send representatives to the conference.

Davis came in person, while Norton was represented by J. W. Holcomb, Harry Lingenfelter and J. F. Van Wye. Attorney J. J. Sullivan was present to represent Boyd personally and not as a candidate.

Chairman Maloney told how last January the League of Republican Clubs had appointed the conciliation committee to use its best efforts to find a way whereby the Republican party should go into the campaign with a united organization and one candidate. He explained what had been done in the past and said he had called the meeting that a final report could be made to the league Tuesday night.

He invited a free expression of opinion as to what could be done to clarify the Republican situation. None should be unwilling, he asserted, to tell what he believed was necessary for Republican success.

Must Be One Candidate.

He was convinced nine-tenths of the Republicans of Cleveland who were not carried away by enthusiasm believed there was no chance of beating the city hall jobholding machine unless the party went into the campaign with but one candidate. If there was to be but one candidate either Davis or Norton must withdraw or both must step aside in favor of Boyd, he said.

Michael Goldsmith blamed the Republican organization for "getting the party in this fix" by making indorsements.

"The party is bigger than Davis, Norton and Boyd," he said. "Put the three in a room and lock them in until they come to an agreement as to which of them shall be the candidate. We have got to stand solid or go down to defeat. If we don't get one candidate I'm going back to my hole and stay there till after election."

Davis in addressing the committee suggested that the conference did not represent the entire Republican party. He also said the full committee was not present. He claimed he was entitled to the party support because he ran two years ago when the candidate had to be drafted, because there was little or no hope of winning. Now that the chances for victory were bright those who were afraid to run two years ago wanted to be the candidate, he said.

Conference Suggested.

Joseph David renewed Goldsmith's suggestion that Norton and Boyd be called and put into a room with Davis until the three got together.

James W. Holcomb, speaking for Norton, expressed the belief that if all Davis supporters voted for Norton for second choice and Norton's friends voted for Davis for second choice, one or the other would be elected when all three choices were added. He insisted Peter Witt would get only first choice votes.

John J. Sullivan, the Boyd representative, said if somebody had the brains, genius and power to get the three factions together the problem of selecting one candidate on whom all could unite would be solved. Boyd, he said, would not run unless he was the only candidate of the Republican party.

Frank Sarstadt said the "present so-called Republican organization" had devoted its time to booming Davis and had done nothing at all to elect a Republican council. He declared that Davis would prove himself a big man by withdrawing and that his example would be followed by candidates in wards where two or more Republicans were inviting defeat by seeking election to the council. He predicted political death for any Republican who went down to defeat this fall because of a divided party."

The motion then was made that Davis, Norton and Boyd be requested to go into conference at once to see if it were possible for them to agree which should be the Republican mayoralty candidate.

Didn't Wait for Boyd.

This carried unanimously. Norton was found but Boyd could not be located, having left his office. While a search was being made for him Norton arrived. He and Davis greeted one another cordially and immediately went into conference, the committee giving up its room to them. Fifteen minutes later, without sending any word to the committee, they left the room and walked out of the hotel.

On the way out they refused to be interviewed beyond saying the situation was unchanged; that they would not meet again during the evening nor today, and that both were still candidates.

While they were in the room Norton's representatives announced that Davis had said he would not confer with Boyd. They also said Norton would refuse to talk with Boyd, although he was willing to confer with Davis.

It developed that Davis and Norton had had previous conferences and there was a report they had reached some sort of an understanding a while back that might be made public on Tuesday, after the expiration of the time allowed Boyd to consent to become a candidate.

Committee Indignant.

When the committee learned Norton and Davis had left the hotel without notice to them and without waiting for Boyd, much indignation was expressed. The committee reconvened. Up to this time the session was secret, but at this time the doors were opened to the public.

Chairman Maloney explained that since the committee had received no report from Davis and Norton, who had not waited twenty minutes for Boyd, after consenting to a tripartite conference, there was nothing left to do but report to the Republican League that nothing had been accomplished.

Joseph David declared the committee had not been treated with courtesy by Davis and Norton. Goldsmith wanted the committee to meet again Monday and make another effort for harmony.

Evans and Braschwitz, however, declared they were through, the former prophesying that Davis would be defeated if he stayed in the race. All three members of the league committee declared they had been neutral to this time as between candidates, but that after Tuesday they would take sides between candidates.

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DEMOCRATS PASS WORD TO BOOST C. & Y. FRANCHISE

Executive Committee Decides Also to Make Issue of $1,500,000 Loan to Pay City Expenses.

Paramount issues in the municipal campaign to be advocated by the Democratic organization are approval of the Cleveland & Youngstown railway freight terminal franchise and a bond issue of $1,500,000 to meet the deficiency in operating expenses of the city government.

This was decided at the meeting of the Democratic executive committee yesterday. Committee members who are to speak at ward organization rallies this week were instructed to tell the workers to talk to voters in favor of both the franchise and the bond issue.

Mayor Baker, who resigned as chairman of the executive committee a year ago on the plea that it was not the proper thing for the executive of a "nonpartisan" government to hold place in a partisan political organization, yesterday was elected a member of the committee to fill the vacancy that has existed since Fred Reich declined membership because he held a civil service job.

It was explained that since the mayor was not a candidate for reelection it was now perfectly proper for him to become again an active partisan Democrat. Baker was at the meeting and participated in the discussions.

Won't Back Slate.

The committee voted not to make a slate of candidates for municipal court judgeships, and deferred framing council and assessorship slates until tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock when another meeting will be held.

Postponement of action on a slate of council candidates is reported to be due to an effort being made to have indorsements made in three wards other than those said to have been recommended by Democratic leaders in the fourth, thirteenth and twentieth wards. In the fourth ward the majority of the organization leaders favor Jacob Dahler, but there are eight other Democratic candidates for councilmen, and doubt is expressed as to the wisdom of making an indorsement at all.

Democratic opposition, it is said, has developed to the indorsement of Councilman James E. Votava in the thirteenth ward and efforts are being made to have another than he slated by the committee.

In the twentieth ward the only Democratic candidate is William J. Gibbons, but there are three Republican candidates. City Club Democrats are said to be anxious that the Democratic organization shall either indorse no candidate or else put Delo E. Mook on its slate. Some of the members of the committee express themselves as against indorsing a Republican while others want to give Mook at least indirect Democratic support.

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Press. Mon. Sept. 27.

NORTON EAGER TO DO BIG JOBS

Mayoralty Candidate Wants to Complete Improvements.

"Why am I in the mayoralty race?"

Miner G. Norton looked up from his desk. His eyes narrowed and twinkled. The answer came like a flash—

"Because I want to be mayor of Cleveland!"

"And the mayoralty bee has been buzzing in your vicinity for some—"

"I've been mixed up in politics for some time," he replied. "And outside of Baker I guess I've had as much experience in city planning and managing as anyone in Cleveland.

"That's why I believe I'm qualified for the job. As law director under McKisson I was instrumental in planning and starting practically all of the big improvements the city boasts of today. And it's the big things that I'm interested in. Some of our big projects have been sidetracked and I want to see them put thru.

"The intercepting sewer, for example. That's something that, as mayor, I'd try to have completed ahead of anything else, for a city's health is of first importance."

Norton is the oldest of the candidates. He ranks them all in university degrees. He holds degrees from Mt. Union and from the Yale law school. He was admitted to the bar in 1880, in the same class with William H. Taft, Taft standing first and Norton second. When he was twenty-four he came to Cleveland and began law practice.

News. Mon. Sept. 27

NO COMPROMISE IN G. O. P. FIGHT

Leaders of the Republican organization Monday had abandoned hope of bringing about harmony in the ranks following the final refusal Saturday of Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidates, to withdraw from the race in favor of a candidate for whom united support could be expected.

The final decision of Davis and Norton is expected to keep Attorney William H. Boyd, for whom petitions have been filed, out of the fight.

The failure of the conciliation committee to bring about a harmonious situation is to be reported Tuesday night at a meeting of the League of Republican clubs.

William H. Boyd did not attend Saturday's conference, but was represented by Attorney John J. Sullivan. The time for Boyd to file his acceptances to the mayoralty nomination represented in the 5,000 signatures on file with the board of elections expires Tuesday.

Leader Tues. Sept 28.

WITT WARMS UP WEST SIDE CAMPAIGNERS

Calls on Precinct Captains to "Give Her a Push" to Show 'Em "Machine Can Get Out Votes."

Warming up for his mayoralty fight with a three days' "wakening-up-the-workers" campaign, Peter Witt and a barnstorming troupe from the Democratic executive committee invaded the West Side last night. Meetings of ward workers were held in the eight West Side wards, Witt speaking in the sixth and eighth.

"I'm not going to have much to say," he told the ward leaders, precinct captains and city jobholders, "until we have the big meeting at Acma hall on October 5. We are waiting to draw the fire of the opposition, but at Acme hall we will have a story to tell that will give you plenty of ammunition when the fight starts.

Taking on Weight.

"I'm going to be handicapped in this fight, because it's going to be shadow boxing. Unfortunately we haven't anything real hard to fight.

"We've got them licked now. The only thing we have to do is to roll up a big majority. Let us make them take the count. They need it, and they'll get it. I've been in this game twenty-nine years, and I like it so well I take on weight when in a fight.

"Don't forget Thursday is the first day for registration. Give her a push Thursday and let us serve notice that this organization or machine can get out the biggest first day's registration in the city's history."

Witt spoke at 3744 W. 25th st. and in Udall's hall, on Detroit ave. near W. 29th st.

Committee Urges Registration.

The executive committeemen urged the workers to get Democratic voters to register Thursday.

Tim McDonough, in his speeches, said Mayor Baker was completing a filtration plant started by Tom L. Johnson thirteen years ago. The plant had purified the local Democracy. The filth filtered out of the Democracy, he said, was that part of it which voted for Willis for governor under the "leadership of an arch-traitor who would double-cross Willis as he had the Democratic organization."

HARRY L. DAVIS MAKES SPEECH TO TWO CLUBS

Harry L. Davis asserted that he was the almost unanimous choice of the Republicans of the city for mayor, in a speech before the John C. Fremont and Fourth Ward Republican clubs at a meeting at Lorain ave. and W. 59th st., last night.

"I'm the Republican candidate for mayor," said Davis. "I was the unanimous choice of the Republican precinct captains of the city as well as the Republ[illegible]

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Pfeifer	3	10	2	3	.300
Marneux	6	20	1	6	.300
Meadows	3	12	2	4	.333
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looked at all year.

Plain Dealer Tues. Sept 28.

WITT TRAINS GUNS AS CAMPAIGN'S ON

Mayoralty Candidate Lines Up His Opponents in Coming Battle.

Urges Big Registration as Ward Followers Start Fall Rallies.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night went out among the workers of the Democratic organization, talking briefly in three West Side ward club meetings.

Declaring himself outright the Democratic candidate for mayor and "proud of it," the street railway commissioner lined up three of his opponents, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen as "a Hanna Republican, a McKisson Republican and a Willis Republican."

He announced an intention of starting his campaign fireworks at the Acme hall rally next Tuesday night when he asserted in the eighth ward he would "do a little skinning" that evening.

Throughout the evening he refrained, as he will refrain until next week, from discussing the issues of the fight.

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NORTON EAGER TO DO BIG JOBS

Mayoralty Candidate Wants to Complete Improvements.

"Why am I in the mayoralty race?"

Miner G. Norton looked up from his desk. His eyes narrowed and twinkled. The answer came like a flash—

"Because I want to be mayor of Cleveland!"

"And the mayoralty bee has been buzzing in your vicinity for some—"

"I've been mixed up in politics for some time," he replied. "And outside of Baker I guess I've had as much experience in city planning and managing as anyone in Cleveland.

"That's why I believe I'm qualified for the job. As law director under McKisson I was instrumental in planning and starting practically all of the big improvements the city boasts of today. And it's the big things that I'm interested in. Some of our big projects have been sidetracked and I want to see them put thru.

"The intercepting sewer, for example. That's something that, as mayor, I'd try to have completed ahead of anything else, for a city's health is of first importance."

Norton is the oldest of the candidates. He ranks them all in university degrees. He holds degrees from Mt. Union and from the Yale law school. He was admitted to the bar in 1880, in the same class with William H. Taft, Taft standing first and Norton second. When he was twenty-four he came to Cleveland and began law practice.

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NO COMPROMISE IN G. O. P. FIGHT

Leaders of the Republican organization Monday had abandoned hope of bringing about harmony in the ranks following the final refusal Saturday of Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidates, to withdraw from the race in favor of a candidate for whom united support could be expected.

The final decision of Davis and Norton is expected to keep Attorney William H. Boyd, for whom petitions have been filed, out of the fight.

The failure of the conciliation committee to bring about a harmonious situation is to be reported Tuesday night at a meeting of the League of Republican clubs.

William H. Boyd did not attend Saturday's conference, but was represented by Attorney John J. Sullivan. The time for Boyd to file his acceptances to the mayoralty nomination represented in the 5,000 signatures on file with the board of elections expires Tuesday.

WITT WARMS UP WEST SIDE CAMPAIGNERS

Calls on Precinct Captains to "Give Her a Push" to Show 'Em "Machine Can Get Out Votes."

Warming up for his mayoralty fight with a three days' "wakening-up-the-workers" campaign, Peter Witt and a barnstorming troupe from the Democratic executive committee invaded the West Side last night. Meetings of ward workers were held in the eight West Side wards, Witt speaking in the sixth and eighth.

"I'm not going to have much to say," he told the ward leaders, precinct captains and city jobholders, "until we have the big meeting at Acma hall on October 5. We are waiting to draw the fire of the opposition, but at Acme hall we will have a story to tell that will give you plenty of ammunition when the fight starts.

Taking on Weight.

"I'm going to be handicapped in this fight, because it's going to be shadow boxing. Unfortunately we haven't anything real hard to fight.

"We've got them licked now. The only thing we have to do is to roll up a big majority. Let us make them take the count. They need it, and they'll get it. I've been in this game twenty-nine years, and I like it so well I take on weight when in a fight.

"Don't forget Thursday is the first day for registration. Give her a push Thursday and let us serve notice that this organization or machine can get out the biggest first day's registration in the city's history."

Witt spoke at 3744 W. 25th st. and in Udall's hall, on Detroit ave. near W. 29th st.

Committee Urges Registration.

The executive committeemen urged the workers to get Democratic voters to register Thursday.

Tim McDonough, in his speeches, said Mayor Baker was completing a filtration plant started by Tom L. Johnson thirteen years ago. The plant had purified the local Democracy. The filth filtered out of the Democracy, he said, was that part of it which voted for Willis for governor under the "leadership of an arch-traitor who would double-cross Willis as he had the Democratic organization."

HARRY L. DAVIS MAKES SPEECH TO TWO CLUBS

Harry L. Davis asserted that he was the almost unanimous choice of the Republicans of the city for mayor, in a speech before the John C. Fremont and Fourth Ward Republican clubs at a meeting at Lorain ave. and W. 59th st., last night.

"I'm the Republican candidate for mayor," said Davis. "I was the unanimous choice of the Republican precinct captains of the city as well as the Republican executive committee."

Davis declared he was "going after Pete Witt hot and heavy this fall."

He said he would announce his platform within a week. Speaking of the conciliation committee meeting of the League of Republican Clubs Saturday, Davis said:

"I stated in that conference that the Republicans can't afford to put up a candidate who is under obligations to anyone for campaign contributions. I don't want a nickel from any man for my campaign fun if anyone expects to profit by the contribution if I am elected."

WITT TRAINS GUNS AS CAMPAIGN'S ON

Mayoralty Candidate Lines Up His Opponents in Coming Battle.

Urges Big Registration as Ward Followers Start Fall Rallies.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night went out among the workers of the Democratic organization, talking briefly in three West Side ward club meetings.

Declaring himself outright the Democratic candidate for mayor and "proud of it," the street railway commissioner lined up three of his opponents, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen as "a Hanna Republican, a McKisson Republican and a Willis Republican."

He announced an intention of starting his campaign fireworks at the Acme hall rally next Tuesday night when he asserted in the eighth ward he would "do a little skinning" that evening.

Throughout the evening he refrained, as he will refrain until next week, from discussing the issues of the fight.

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"The manipulators of the fig[illegible] the other side yet have a less[illegible] learn," he added. "In the next [illegible] weeks we'll see to it that the [illegible] learns who are the men behind [illegible] what their real purpose is and [illegible] they want control."

There were eight Democratic ward club meetings last night. Meetings in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were addressed by members of the Democratic committee, Mr. Witt and Clerk Peter J. Henry of municipal court. The meetings continue tonight and tomorrow night.

Davis' Platform Again To Cry Extravagance

The platform of Harry L. Davis in his race for mayor will be practically the same as two years ago, he announced last night at a joint meeting of the John C. Fremont and Fourth Ward Republican clubs held at Lorain-av and 59th-st. Three hundred were present.

This platform will be municipal necessities first; other things if possible. The platform which will be short, he said, will be announced in full in two or three days.

"I am the candidate of the Republican party," declared Mr. Davis. "I was unanimously indorsed by the precinct captains at a meeting in the Wilshire building and again by the executive committee.

"I said at a meeting of a committee a few days ago that the Republican party could not afford to put up a candidate who would sell himself to interests which had anything to gain from him after his election, to obtain funds for the campaign. I stand by that.

"The argument is made that the man who has a vacant lot covered with tin cans should pay as high taxes as the man beside him who has an improved property with a fine house and lawn. We all agree with that. But Peter Witt and the Democratic party has been in power fifteen years and they have done nothing to accomplish this.

"Cleveland will vote this fall on issuing bonds to take up the short time notes for a million and a half dollars. I advise citizens to vote against this. The way to do is to elect men to office who will live within city's income.

"If the city elects the man who is the choice of the present mayor he will be able to hide and shield present extravagant expenditures. There is being paid out $60,000 a year in bonuses to contractors to complete work ahead of time, and there are $100,000 contracts being let w[illegible] out competitive bidding.

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BOYD HOLDS OUT FOR CLEAR ROAD

But Davis and Norton Say They Will Stick.

With Tuesday midnight as the time limit for entrance of Mose Boyd into the mayoralty race, Boyd Tuesday stood pat on his decision not to get in unless Harry Davis and Miner Norton get out.

"No chance of my getting out," reiterated Norton.

"Ditto!" said Davis.

"There you are!" commented Boyd.

The league of republican clubs, at a meeting Tuesday night, was to be told of the failure of its conciliation committee to clear the republican air.

Meantime democrats are preparing for a mass meeting at Acme hall next Tuesday night.

"The feathers will fly at that meeting," predicted Peter Witt, mayoralty candidate. "I'm going to talk about things."

Witt and other democratic leaders were to talk at organization mettings in wards 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 25 Tuesday night, to urge getting out a big registration.

Salen's big organization session is to be staged at the American house Thursday night.

Norton is to address the John Hay republican club Wednesday noon at Schuster's E. 12th-st restaurant.

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WITT BANDIES WITH HECKLERS ON MANY WEIGHTY MATTERS

Peter Witt talked his way through three ward mass meetings and a clambake last night. He found his path strewn with hecklers on the second night of oratory.

Three-cent electric light, the liquor question, free trade, the war in Europe, the street car situation, city finances and pugilism were subjects he lightly touched on.

"The wet and dry question is not an issue in this campaign," he told a crowd of thirteenth ward Democrats in Bron's hall, in E. 53d st., "but I've come out squarely and said I was a wet."

"How do you stand on woman's suffrage?" demanded a voice.

"I'm for it!" Witt shouted decisively.

Pete Grows Belligerent.

"Oh!" shot back the heckler, "you're for the saloon and woman's suffrage!"

Witt paused belligerently. "Say," he called, "what do you want—an answer or an argument?"

At the Polish National hall, 7026 Woodland ave., the fourteenth ward, Witt prefaced his speech with the promise that he wouldn't talk long because he was delaying refreshments. "Being a wet myself," he explained, "I know what it is to be kept from it."

He spent most of his time at these meetings, and at one in the Opera House block, 8408 Broadway (the fifteenth ward) and at a tent clambake of the Twenty-second Ward Newton D. Baker Club, 1444 E. 66th st., in urging Democrats to attend the real campaign opening at Acme hall next Monday night.

Going to Do Big Things.

"I'm going to rip things wide open then," he promised. "And I'm going to furnish good Democrats with lots of 42-centimeter ammunition to shoot at the enemy. It'll be a regular Democratic pow-wow."

Witt singled out Harry L. Davis, Republican mayoralty candidate, for attack, and declared he was going to challenge him to a debate.

Witt declared that if the Illuminating company did not lower its rate by March 1 he would favor a special election for a bond issue to extend the municipal light plant so its competitor could be thrown into the scrap heap.

Speaking of the "real scrap" in the campaign, Witt said he had never seen a boxing match, but if he is elected mayor he would issue a permit for a bout as a test.

Mayor Baker was the honor guest at the twenty-second ward clambake, and between courses of clams, corn on the cob, sweet potatoes, chicken and refreshments, he talked politics until Witt came to talk for himself.

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Charles P. Salen announced last night that he will open his campaign for mayor at a meeting in the assembly-room of the American house, in W. Superior ave., tomorrow night at 7 o'clock. Delegates, representing all political beliefs, from nearly every precinct of the city are expected to attend. At that time the Nonpartisan League to conduct Mr. Salen's campaign will be formed.

"I will start the ball rolling Thursday night," said Salen yesterday. "I will then declare my stand on all the questions and issues of this campaign with advantage to the city's affairs. I believe I will be the first of the candidates to do this."

There will be other speakers yet to be announced.

BAKER ARGUES IN AMENDMENT WAR

Appears With Representatives of Liberals to Oppose I. and R. Ruling.

COLUMBUS, Sept. 28.—Opponents of the so-called "constitutional stability amendment" today joined forces with liberal interests who are fighting the prohibition amendment, in seeking to get the supreme court to mandamus Secretary of State Hildebrant to mail out arguments against both these amendments.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, of Cleveland, appeared as principal champion of the forces fighting the amendment to forbid the submission of a constitutional question to amendment more than once in six years.

He filed a separate mandamus suit against the secretary of state, similar to that entered yesterday by A. Julius Freiberg, of Cincinnati, representing liberal interests, and together with Freiberg, argued the case before the court. The liberals' suit seeks only to have the arguments against the prohibition amendment distributed, while the suit instituted by Baker seeks this action in the case of the constitutional stability amendment.

Attorney General Turner set forth that Governor Willis had no authority to appoint committees to prepare arguments against either amendment, since the state law bearing on I. and R. practice gives the chief executive no specific authority to do this. Consequently the attorney general held the secretary of state has no duty to print and mail out such arguments.

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G.O.P. MEETING BROKEN UP BY DAVIS CHEERS

Attempt to Pledge Club Members Ends in Disorder.

RACE IS NOW CLOSED

Davis and Norton Refuse to Quit; Boyd Stays Out of Contest.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Deliberately breaking up by repeated cheering the meeting of the League of Republican Clubs last night a small coterie of Harry L. Davis supporters prevented a test vote of mayoralty sentiment asked for by other friends of the same candidate.

The adjournment of the league session without any sort of indorsement being made by the delegates came as the aftermath of William H. Boyd's refusal earlier in the day to permit his name to go on the ballot while Davis and Miner G. Norton showed an intention to remain in the race, neither withdrawing as a candidate within the time limit fixed by the election board for withdrawals.

Adjourns Meeting.

An attempt to stampede the league for Davis while a motion made by John Redd, a Davis supporter, for a secret ballot to get the sentiment of the delegates on candidates for mayor was under discussion, drove President John Braschwitz to adjourn the meeting when he saw he could not control it.

Cornelius Maloney, for the conciliation committee, told the story of the conference at the Hollenden last Saturday, in which the committee, assisted by other leading Republicans, made a futile attempt to clarify the political situation that a united party might give its support to one candidate.

The committee was thanked for the effort it had made to bring order out of chaos, and, at its request, was discharged.

Later on President Braschwitz ignored a motion to adjourn and recognized John Redd, who last month sought to force an indorsement for Davis.

Davis Men in Majority.

This time Redd did not ask for a direct indorsement, but moved the chair appoint tellers and that a secret ballot be taken to ascertain whom the delegates favored for mayor.

William Blakeley raised a point of order that such a vote was not permitted under the league constitution.

Braschwitz, however, overruled the objection, saying he couldn't see anything wrong in the Redd proposition.

A. B. Sprosty, another Davis supporter, wanted a rising vote taken, so that a line could be obtained on the delegates who have hitherto supported Boyd or remained neutral, insisting on one Republican candidate. There was no question but that the avowed Davis delegates at the meet-

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ing outnumbered the outspoken Norton men.

"Make them show their colors," a dozen Davis followers yelled, following Sprosty's suggestion.

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Cornelius Maloney then took the floor to oppose the Redd motion. "I'm against it," he said. "Several months ago this league was nearly split wide open by the clashing of supporters of rival candidates. Feeling ran so high that an indorsement motion was laid on the table indefinitely. This motion by Redd is but another attempt to do the same thing, and if a vote is taken it will not benefit either candidate."

Maloney was interrupted by jeers and yells, followed by shouts for Davis. The demonstration became so boisterous and the president's calls for order being disregarded Braschwitz declared if the disturbance did not cease he would adjourn the meeting. The reply he got from a group of men at the rear of the hall was three cheers and a tiger for Davis.

Braschwitz repeated his warning and immediately there was another cheer for Davis.

Braschwitz brought down the gavel and declared the meeting adjourned. There was another Davis cheer as the disturbers rushed for the door.

Fail to Unite.

All hope of Republicans for party unity in the coming mayoralty campaign was blasted yesterday when neither Harry L. Davis nor Miner G. Norton withdrew from the race and W. H. Boyd failed to file an acceptance of his nomination. The time allowed by the board of elections for withdrawals and acceptances expired at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

This development leaves two mayoralty candidates asking for the support of Republican voters, as board of election officials declared that it would be impossible for any candidate to drop out of the race now.

"The mayoralty ballots go to the printer in the morning," Deputy Clerk W. W. Caldwell, of the board, said last night. "No candidate can withdraw his name now. The closing of our office at 4:30 o'clock marked the expiration of the time when such action could be taken."

Six Candidates for Mayor.

This gives the voters a field of six mayoralty candidates to choose from, the Democrats also finding themselves with two candidates, Peter Witt and Charles P. Salen. The other two aspirants for the mayor's chair are C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate, and Richard Koeppel, nominated by the Socialist Labor party.

Boyd maintained his stand for party unity to the end. He refused to consider even a tentative acceptance without the assurance that Davis and Norton would withdraw from the race.

"I wish to thank my many friends for their efforts and assurance of support should I have decided to become a candidate," said Mr. Boyd. "I outlined my reasons for my refusal to enter the race under the conditions as they existed in a statement several weeks ago, and I have nothing further to add to it now.

"The situation did not change, so I saw no reason for changing my position. I felt at that time it would be folly for the party to have more than one candidate in the field, and I am still of the same opinion."

Candidates Norton and Davis both reiterated their declarations that they were "in the race to stay."

WITT CHALLENGES DAVIS TO DEBATE

Democratic Candidate Also Declares for Woman Suffrage.

Says if Elected and Finds Boxing on Football Plane, He'll Permit Bouts.

Peter Witt last night issued a challenge to Harry L. Davis to debate the campaign issues, declared for woman's suffrage, reiterated he was wet and declared the failure of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to meet the 3-cent lighting rate, which would be demanded if he were elected, would result in a bond issue election which would put the municipal plant on the equality of the private owned plant.

Meetings were held in the fifteenth ward at 8408 Broadway; thirteenth ward, Bron's hall, Hamm-av and E. 53d-st; fourteenth ward, National Polish hall, 7026 Broadway, and twenty-second ward, 1444 E. 66th-st.

"I did not expect to issue a challenge to Mr. Davis to discuss the issues of the campaign," said Mr. Witt. "Two years ago he said he was no orator and would not debate. But last night he opened the doors, declaring that he wanted to ask me some hot questions. I am glad of that.

Following the declaration of Mr. Witt in the thirteenth ward that he was wet this question was asked him:

"How do you stand on woman's suffrage?"

"I am for it," he declared.

"Wet and for woman's suffrage?" asked the man.

"I have answered that once," he replied. "I am for woman's suffrage."

"I have never seen a boxing match in my life," he said at the Polish hall. "But if I am elected mayor I will go to see one. It makes no difference whether I like it or not, if it is no more brutal than football I will issue permits for boxing matches."

In the twenty-second ward there was a clam bake held with Mayor Newton D. Baker and others present. Women were in evidence when Mr. Witt repeated his declaration on suffrage.

Meetings tonight will be held in the eleventh, twelfth, seventeenth, nineteenth, twenty-first, twenty-fourth, twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-sixth wards.

Hobson Will Speak in Sixth City for Drys

Plans for bringing Congressman Richmond P. Hobson, father of the dry constitutional amendment which failed of passage in congress last winter, to Cleveland for two dry mass meetings Oct. 7 were announced last night at a meeting of dry workers in Old Stone church, Public square.

Mr. Hobson has accepted the invitation and probably will give two addresses here, one at noon and the other in the evening in one of the armories, it was said.

Rev. W. W. Bustard, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, was the principal speaker last night. Others who talked were Rev. John S. Rutledge, head of the Cleveland branch of the Anti-Saloon league; D. W. Teachout, chairman of the Cuyahoga county dry committee, and these workers: Frank W. Stanton, Hervey E. Miller, J. W. Barkley, J. F. Potts and F. C. Rulon.

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SHOUTS FOR DAVIS BREAK UP MEETING OF G. O. P. LEAGUE

Hurrahs for One of Two Mayoralty Candidates End Last Chance for Party Harmony.

Boyd, Still Silent as Office of Elections Board Closes, Automatically Out of Race.

BALLOTS ARE TO GO TO THE PRINT SHOP TODAY

'We Tried to Get Unity, but It Can't be Done,' is Report to Clubs.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Sudden adjournment last night of a tumultuous meeting of the League of Republican Clubs was a final demonstration, on the eve of the day when election ballots will go to the printers, of the irreconcilable split in the ranks of Cleveland Republicans.

With a report in last night's meeting by the league's conciliation committee that efforts to clear the Republican field for one candidate for mayor had been unavailing, and in the discharge "with thanks" of the committee, the Republican camp officially threw up the sponge for hope of unity.

Neither Harry L. Davis nor Miner G. Norton had withdrawn, and Attorney William H. Boyd had not entered the race. And yesterday was the last day of grace.

Two warnings were uttered by President John Braschwitz that he would adjourn the league meeting, held in the Engineers building, if yells for Candidate Davis, which interrupted discussion of a motion, were not stilled.

Keeps Word, Ends Meeting.

The third time was the charm. The president kept his word.

"Davis! Davis! Davis!" was the cry raised as Cornelius Maloney, on his feet opposing a proposal to take a ballot vote among the delegates on the mayoralty situation, mentioned the name of Candidate Davis.

"We'll have no more of that!" shouted President Braschwitz. "There's going to be fair play here or I'll adjourn the meeting."

"Three cheers for Harry Davis!" arose a call, and the cheers of the Davis following rang through the room.

"I warn you," began the president, when he could make himself heard, "if that happens again I'll adjourn this—"

"Three cheers for Harry Davis," sang out a voice, and a roar went up once more from the throats of the Davis partisans.

"This meeting stands adjourned!" thundered the president. In an uproar the delegates who packed the great room started from their seats. The meeting was over.

Long before the meeting it had become apparent that Attorney Boyd would not accept the nomination offered by petitions filed in his name with the board of elections, and that last night would see no withdrawal by Candidates Davis or Norton.

Mr. Boyd had made no announcement and there had been no word of withdrawal from either of the announced candidates of Republican complexion when the elections board closed its offices at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. The possibility of Mr. Boyd becoming a factor in the fight practically died then. Yesterday was the last day in which, under the city charter, Mr. Boyd could signify acceptance and have his name go on the ballot. It was the fifth day after the filing of petitions.

Elections authorities announced the ballots would go to the printer the first thing this morning, ending, they said, all chances of withdrawals, so far as having names removed from the ballot is concerned. The condition on which Mr. Boyd had said he would run was that both the other candidates should leave the field for him.

The tumult in last night's meeting of the League of Republican clubs followed a report by Mr. Maloney for the conciliation committee which arranged last Saturday's unavailing conference in The Hollenden.

Mr. Maloney gave a detailed account of that session, told of the effort to get the candidates together and its failure and declared there seemed nothing more for the committee to do, that it believed it had performed its duty.

"We tried to get unity for you, and it seems that it cannot be done," he said.

"Curses!" someone muttered at the rear of the room in a stage whisper, and laughter shook the meeting.

The report of the committee was accepted and the committee was discharged with the thanks of the delegates. The meeting continued quietly until, after routine business, John W. Redd arose and suggested a ballot be taken to show the sentiment of the delegates on Candidates Davis and Norton, it appearing settled that

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Maloney was interrupted by jeers and yells, followed by shouts for Davis. The demonstration became so boisterous and the president's calls for order being disregarded Braschwitz declared if the disturbance did not cease he would adjourn the meeting. The reply he got from a group of men at the rear of the hall was three cheers and a tiger for Davis.

Braschwitz repeated his warning and immediately there was another cheer for Davis.

Braschwitz brought down the gavel and declared the meeting adjourned. There was another Davis cheer as the disturbers rushed for the door.

Fail to Unite.

All hope of Republicans for party unity in the coming mayoralty campaign was blasted yesterday when neither Harry L. Davis nor Miner G. Norton withdrew from the race and W. H. Boyd failed to file an acceptance of his nomination. The time allowed by the board of elections for withdrawals and acceptances expired at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

This development leaves two mayoralty candidates asking for the support of Republican voters, as board of election officials declared that it would be impossible for any candidate to drop out of the race now.

"The mayoralty ballots go to the printer in the morning," Deputy Clerk W. W. Caldwell, of the board, said last night. "No candidate can withdraw his name now. The closing of our office at 4:30 o'clock marked the expiration of the time when such action could be taken."

Six Candidates for Mayor.

This gives the voters a field of six mayoralty candidates to choose from, the Democrats also finding themselves with two candidates, Peter Witt and Charles P. Salen. The other two aspirants for the mayor's chair are C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate, and Richard Koeppel, nominated by the Socialist Labor party.

Boyd maintained his stand for party unity to the end. He refused to consider even a tentative acceptance without the assurance that Davis and Norton would withdraw from the race.

"I wish to thank my many friends for their efforts and assurance of support should I have decided to become a candidate," said Mr. Boyd. "I outlined my reasons for my refusal to enter the race under the conditions as they existed in a statement several weeks ago, and I have nothing further to add to it now.

"The situation did not change, so I saw no reason for changing my position. I felt at that time it would be folly for the party to have more than one candidate in the field, and I am still of the same opinion."

Candidates Norton and Davis both reiterated their declarations that they were "in the race to stay."

WITT CHALLENGES DAVIS TO DEBATE

Democratic Candidate Also Declares for Woman Suffrage.

Says if Elected and Finds Boxing on Football Plane, He'll Permit Bouts.

Peter Witt last night issued a challenge to Harry L. Davis to debate the campaign issues, declared for woman's suffrage, reiterated he was wet and declared the failure of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to meet the 3-cent lighting rate, which would be demanded if he were elected, would result in a bond issue election which would put the municipal plant on the equality of the private owned plant.

Meetings were held in the fifteenth ward at 8408 Broadway; thirteenth ward, Bron's hall, Hamm-av and E. 53d-st; fourteenth ward, National Polish hall, 7026 Broadway, and twenty-second ward, 1444 E. 66th-st.

"I did not expect to issue a challenge to Mr. Davis to discuss the issues of the campaign," said Mr. Witt. "Two years ago he said he was no orator and would not debate. But last night he opened the doors, declaring that he wanted to ask me some hot questions. I am glad of that.

Following the declaration of Mr. Witt in the thirteenth ward that he was wet this question was asked him:

"How do you stand on woman's suffrage?"

"I am for it," he declared.

"Wet and for woman's suffrage?" asked the man.

"I have answered that once," he replied. "I am for woman's suffrage."

"I have never seen a boxing match in my life," he said at the Polish hall. "But if I am elected mayor I will go to see one. It makes no difference whether I like it or not, if it is no more brutal than football I will issue permits for boxing matches."

In the twenty-second ward there was a clam bake held with Mayor Newton D. Baker and others present. Women were in evidence when Mr. Witt repeated his declaration on suffrage.

Meetings tonight will be held in the eleventh, twelfth, seventeenth, nineteenth, twenty-first, twenty-fourth, twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-sixth wards.

Hobson Will Speak in Sixth City for Drys

Plans for bringing Congressman Richmond P. Hobson, father of the dry constitutional amendment which failed of passage in congress last winter, to Cleveland for two dry mass meetings Oct. 7 were announced last night at a meeting of dry workers in Old Stone church, Public square.

Mr. Hobson has accepted the invitation and probably will give two addresses here, one at noon and the other in the evening in one of the armories, it was said.

Rev. W. W. Bustard, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, was the principal speaker last night. Others who talked were Rev. John S. Rutledge, head of the Cleveland branch of the Anti-Saloon league; D. W. Teachout, chairman of the Cuyahoga county dry committee, and these workers: Frank W. Stanton, Hervey E. Miller, J. W. Barkley, J. F. Potts and F. C. Rulon.

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SHOUTS FOR DAVIS BREAK UP MEETING OF G. O. P. LEAGUE

Hurrahs for One of Two Mayoralty Candidates End Last Chance for Party Harmony.

Boyd, Still Silent as Office of Elections Board Closes, Automatically Out of Race.

BALLOTS ARE TO GO TO THE PRINT SHOP TODAY

'We Tried to Get Unity, but It Can't be Done,' is Report to Clubs.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Sudden adjournment last night of a tumultuous meeting of the League of Republican Clubs was a final demonstration, on the eve of the day when election ballots will go to the printers, of the irreconcilable split in the ranks of Cleveland Republicans.

With a report in last night's meeting by the league's conciliation committee that efforts to clear the Republican field for one candidate for mayor had been unavailing, and in the discharge "with thanks" of the committee, the Republican camp officially threw up the sponge for hope of unity.

Neither Harry L. Davis nor Miner G. Norton had withdrawn, and Attorney William H. Boyd had not entered the race. And yesterday was the last day of grace.

Two warnings were uttered by President John Braschwitz that he would adjourn the league meeting, held in the Engineers building, if yells for Candidate Davis, which interrupted discussion of a motion, were not stilled.

Keeps Word, Ends Meeting.

The third time was the charm. The president kept his word.

"Davis! Davis! Davis!" was the cry raised as Cornelius Maloney, on his feet opposing a proposal to take a ballot vote among the delegates on the mayoralty situation, mentioned the name of Candidate Davis.

"We'll have no more of that!" shouted President Braschwitz. "There's going to be fair play here or I'll adjourn the meeting."

"Three cheers for Harry Davis!" arose a call, and the cheers of the Davis following rang through the room.

"I warn you," began the president, when he could make himself heard, "if that happens again I'll adjourn this—"

"Three cheers for Harry Davis," sang out a voice, and a roar went up once more from the throats of the Davis partisans.

"This meeting stands adjourned!" thundered the president. In an uproar the delegates who packed the great room started from their seats. The meeting was over.

Long before the meeting it had become apparent that Attorney Boyd would not accept the nomination offered by petitions filed in his name with the board of elections, and that last night would see no withdrawal by Candidates Davis or Norton.

Mr. Boyd had made no announcement and there had been no word of withdrawal from either of the announced candidates of Republican complexion when the elections board closed its offices at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. The possibility of Mr. Boyd becoming a factor in the fight practically died then. Yesterday was the last day in which, under the city charter, Mr. Boyd could signify acceptance and have his name go on the ballot. It was the fifth day after the filing of petitions.

Elections authorities announced the ballots would go to the printer the first thing this morning, ending, they said, all chances of withdrawals, so far as having names removed from the ballot is concerned. The condition on which Mr. Boyd had said he would run was that both the other candidates should leave the field for him.

The tumult in last night's meeting of the League of Republican clubs followed a report by Mr. Maloney for the conciliation committee which arranged last Saturday's unavailing conference in The Hollenden.

Mr. Maloney gave a detailed account of that session, told of the effort to get the candidates together and its failure and declared there seemed nothing more for the committee to do, that it believed it had performed its duty.

"We tried to get unity for you, and it seems that it cannot be done," he said.

"Curses!" someone muttered at the rear of the room in a stage whisper, and laughter shook the meeting.

The report of the committee was accepted and the committee was discharged with the thanks of the delegates. The meeting continued quietly until, after routine business, John W. Redd arose and suggested a ballot be taken to show the sentiment of the delegates on Candidates Davis and Norton, it appearing settled that they would go to the wire.

President Braschwitz favored the proposal. A. B. Sprosty urged a rising vote and there were approving cries of "Let them show their colors!"

The president frowned on this proposal and asked for remarks on the motion. Mr. Maloney took the floor against it. He warned the delegates that efforts at indorsement had nearly divided the league some weeks ago. Such a vote would have no significance and would only serve to create trouble, he argued. Should Mr. Norton be indorsed, it would not gain him the vote of a Republican not already for him, he continued, and he made the same statement with reference to Mr. Davis.

Then it was, at the mention of Mr. Davis, that the Davis supporters launched the cheers which resulted in the adjournment of the meeting.

The league last night seated delegates from the Western Reserve Law School Republican club, the Frank R. Lander Engineers Republican club and the Twenty-Third Ward Republican club. A report was received from Treasurer Walter Woodworth. The league voted Francis V. Brady $100 for his work in handling the popular lady contest for the league's picnic this summer.

Tomorrow is the first registration day preliminary to the election Nov 2.

This is the annual registration at which all voters must register anew. Four days have been set—tomorrow, Oct. 7, Oct. 15 and Oct. 16. Booths will be open from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. and from 5 to 10 p. m., Cleveland (eastern) time.

All political camps are urging their workers to exert efforts to insure a heavy first day registration. Women who wish to vote for members of the board of education must register on one of the four registration days.

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Socialist candidates for municipal office will make no individual replies to the inquiries sent out by the Civic league preparatory to framing recommendations to be urged in the league's pre-election bulletin.

In a letter to the Civic league mailed yesterday, C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate for mayor and secretary of the party's organization, stated "the candidates nominated and placed on the ballot by the Socialist organization are not seeking office as individuals."

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Charles F. Dreher yesterday withdrew as a candidate for council in Ward 16, according to notice sent the board of elections.

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Ward club activities and indorsements of candidates continue as the fight approaches.

The Fourth Ward Harmon club has indorsed Charles P. Salen for mayor and John A. Feller for tax assessor in the ward.

Cleveland Mailers' union No. 12 has indorsed Thomas J. Martin, past president, past business agent and present executive board member of the union, for council in Ward 16. Letters are being sent out by the union stating that in a field of seven candidates in the ward, Mr. Martin is the only one with a union working card.

The Fifteenth Ward Rankin Boosters' club has been reorganized to support G. A. Rankin for council.

Salen Will Outline His Position Tomorrow

Charles P. Salen, mayoralty candidate, last night issued an announcement stating his campaign will be opened at a meeting tomorrow night in the American house.

Mr. Salen stated he will outline his beliefs on "all questions affecting management of the city." He explained he did not consider the liquor question within this category, but promised it would be "touched

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$2-a-Day Laborers ARE "Nicked" for Witt Fund, They Say; "No, Really," Says Alber

Read this:

PARK COMMISSIONER ALBER: "Park laborers *have not* and *will not* be asked to contribute to Peter Witt's campaign fund. *Not for one moment* would I permit such a thing."

And this:

JOHN FARK, foreman in Wade park: "The boys have *all* made their donation. *Most of them gave two dollars*, although we let them give what they felt like."

FRANK E. RING, foreman in Garfield park: "*All the boys have handed in their contributions* to the campaign fund within the last month."

ROBERT SPROTBERRY, laborer in Wade park: "*I contributed my two dollars to Fark last pay day.*"

FRED WITTEMALS, in charge of the rose garden in Wade park: "*I have contributed my two dollars to the greenhouse foreman.*"

FRANK HAWKEY, teamster in Wade park: "*I have handed my donation to Fark.*"

Park laborers, park gardeners and park refreshment stand employees—two-dollar a day laborers, most of whom owe their jobs to councilmanic pull—ARE being forced to help underwrite the mayoralty campaign $7,500 Traction Commissioner Peter Witt is about to wage.

Laborers and their foremen, who in every instance acted as clearing agents, freely admitted this Wednesday. They thereby yanked Truth so hard by the ears that she screamed, for Park Commissioner Alber, Witt partisan, denied unqualifiedly that the poor, two-dollar laborers in parks had been "nicked." Wednesday, while his subordinates were offering evidence to the contrary, Alber, in an honest-to-goodness tone, insisted such a thing would not be permitted.

Oh, No, They Won't Be "Nicked."

Service Director Sidlo and Tom Brannon, secretary-treasurer of the Democratic executive committee, also have declared the "two-dollar boys" would not be "touched." Brannon has gone so far as to say that donations from the two-dallor-a-day class will be returned.

Park foremen, too, unwittingly stamped as authentic the statement, denied by Witt, that when he heard waterworks and other city hall employees were refusing to contribute, he hotly declared, "get me the names of those who won't contribute and I'll fire every one of them." Each foreman, in collecting from laborers, has compiled a list of the donors and sums and plans to forward them to Democratic headquarters.

In most cases donations were two dollars, or 4 per cent of park laborers' weekly earnings. In a few cases the sum was only a dollar, and in still fewer cases more than two. A majority of the park laborers showed the color of their money last pay day—September 20—a few the first pay day in September, while the others are expected to straighten their account October 5.

Fark and Ring showed no hesitation Wednesday in admitting they had taken donations from "their boys." Other park foremen corroborated them. Sprotberry, Wittemals and Hawkey willingly said they already had chipped in their two dollars. The 150 laborers now in the parks have done likewise, they said. Park refreshment stand employees gave their money to W. J. Champion, stand superintendent, who, in some cases, collected from foremen. Greenhouse workers spoke direct with their foremen. About $400, it is estimated, has or will come from outside park laborers, while office contributions will swell the sum to $600. This will set up and take down Witt's top-tent nine times, according to Brannon's figuring.

Even Ballard's "Touched."

Men owning teams hired by the park department are expected to march down to headquarters and lay their money before Brannon, Fark said. Searching investigation made it clear that nobody connected in any way with the park department will escape—from two-dollar laborers up. This despite the fact that Alber claims the lowest paid men are not to be "touched."

Gordon Horsburgh, timekeeper for Lighting Commissioner Ballard, of "powdered lady" detective fame, for the past two weeks has spent a good share of his time shaking down the city lighting department, from Ballard to the least-paid laborers. The lighting department is expected to dance to the tune of close to $600, it is said.

WITT AND SALEN BOTH GET BUSY ON FIGHT

Peter Witt, Democratic machine mayoralty candidate, Wednesday night will complete his organization tour of the Democratic ward workers, speaking at nine meetings on the East Side. At each meeting a plentiful supply of refreshments will be an attraction.

Harry L. Davis, one of the Republican mayoralty candidates, Wednesday had not replied to Witt's challenge for debate issued Tuesday night. Miner G. Norton, the other Republican candidate, will debate with Witt in a tent.

Charles P. Salen, mayoralty candidate, will open political headquarters in the American house Thursday night at a meeting of his workers.

DAVIS SHOUTERS BREAK UP G. O. P. PEACE MEETING

Attempts by friends of Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, to stampede a meeting of the League of Republican Clubs in his behalf Tuesday night resulted in the meeting breaking up in disorder. The attempt prevented the league taking a secret ballot to obtain the real sentiment of those present for Davis and Miner G. Norton.

President John Braschwitz adjourned the meeting when Davis' friends ran wild following a motion made by John Redd, a Davis supporter, for a secret ballot.

The conciliation committee reported it had been unable to induce either Davis or Norton to withdraw in favor of Attorney William H. Boyd, for whom petitions signed by 5,000 voters were filed with the board of elections. Boyd failed to file his acceptance, the time for which expired Tuesday. This eliminated him from the race. Boyd remained firm in his intention of not entering the race so long as Davis and Norton were candidates, but issued a statement thanking his supporters.

The ballot was sent to the printers Wednesday.

The mayoralty candidates whose names will appear are Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, Republicans; Peter Witt, Democrat; C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist; Charles P. Salen, Democrat; Richard Koepel, Socialist Labor.

POLITICAL MEETINGS WEDNESDAY

REPUBLICAN.

John Hay Club luncheon, Shuster's restaurant, E. 12th st., at 12:15 p. m. Speaker, Miner G. Norton.

DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION.

Ward 11—Teutonia hall, E. 81st and Scovill ave.; speakers, Peter Witt, Charles W. Lapp, E. J. Hanratty.

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Ward 17—Tent, rear of 6407 Woodland ave.; speakers, T. L. McDonough, Peter Witt, E. B. Haserodt.

Ward 19—Cozad's hall, Euclid ave. at Lake View; speakers, E. B. Haserodt, Peter Henry, J. J. McGinty.

Wards 21 and 24—Marotta Athletic Club, 1043 E. 79th st.; speakers, Newton D. Baker, T. L. McDonough, Peter Witt.

Ward 22—Store, 6930 Superior ave.; speakers, T. L. McDonough, E. J. Hanratty, C. W. Lapp.

Ward 23—Ulman's hall, 1400 E. 55th st.; speakers, Maurice Bernstein, H. L. French, Newton D. Baker, R. J. Bulkley.

Ward 26—Lucille building basement, 1158 E. 138th st., speakers; J. W. Reynolds, W. A. Greenlund, P. D. Metzger.

SOCIALIST.

Woodland ave. and E. 51st st.; Speaker, Joseph E. Robb.

Scranton ave. and W. 25th st.; speaker, C. E. Ruthenberg.

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"We are being hindered in our municipal progress by a lot of yaps from Podunk," shouted Witt, in explaining why Cleveland was running millions behind in its operating expenses.

Witt announced his municipally-owned pasteurization plant scheme before several milk peddlers at Royal hall, promised the "finest" street cars in the city to attendants at a meeting at 6407 Woodland ave., intimated he would legalize boxing at the Marotta Club, where a cabaret entertainment was given, and announc his voters' "education" campaign a meeting at E. 31st st. and Sc ave.

WILL TALK OVER NEW CITY HEAT CONTRACT

Representatives of the Illuminating company will meet with city officials today in an effort to work out a contract for the heating of the new city hall building. The company was ordered by the state public utilities commission yesterday to extend its heating mains to furnish service.

Victory was claimed by both sides as the order of the state board provided that the contract must be for a period of years. No price was fixed, but Director of Public Service Sidlo said that the company's schedules on file with the commission provided for a twenty-two-cent per thousand-pound rate for this service. The city will insist upon this rate, he said. The maximum ordinance rate is thirty-five cents.

The Illuminating company refused to accept an ordinance for the extension of mains, claiming that the cost was prohibitive unless assured of a long-term contract. It appealed to the utilities commission.

Mayor Baker expressed himself as being satisfied with the order of the commission. Sidlo said that the city's contentions were sustained.

Sidlo announced that the Illuminating company would be allowed to go ahead and tear up streets for the purpose of enlarging heating mains in the downtown districts. Permits had been held up while the city hal case was pending before the utilitie commission.

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WILL TALK OVER NEW CITY HEAT CONTRACT

Representatives of the Illuminating company will meet with city officials today in an effort to work out a contract for the heating of the new city hall building. The company was ordered by the state public utilities commission yesterday to extend its heating mains to furnish service.

Victory was claimed by both sides as the order of the state board provided that the contract must be for a period of years. No price was fixed, but Director of Public Service Sidlo said that the company's schedules on file with the commission provided for a twenty-two-cent per thousand-pound rate for this service. The city will insist upon this rate, he said. The maximum ordinance rate is thirty-five cents.

The Illuminating company refused to accept an ordinance for the extension of mains, claiming that the cost was prohibitive unless assured of a long-term contract. It appealed to the utilities commission.

Mayor Baker expressed himself as being satisfied with the order of the commission. Sidlo said that the city's contentions were sustained.

Sidlo announced that the Illuminating company would be allowed to go ahead and tear up streets for the purpose of enlarging heating mains in the downtown districts. Permits had been held up while the city hall case was pending before the utilities commission.

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NORTON RAPS PARTY HEADS FOR DEFEATS

Candidate Declares Committee Is to Blame for Continued Losses by Republicans in This County.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Responsibility for successive Republican defeats in Cleveland and Cuyahoga county was charged in large part against the local executive committee of the party yesterday by Miner G. Norton in an address before the John Hay Club.

Norton, as the guest of the club at the first of a series of weekly noonday luncheons, did not boost his own candidacy for mayor, but devoted his remarks to the question of what is the matter with the Republican party in Cleveland.

"For years," he said, "the Republicans carried this city. It met with no defeats. But today in this city and in the county everything is Democratic. For such a condition there is a reason. The people have come to the belief that it is impossible to elect Republicans to office unless there is a change in party leadership and control.

Impression of Public.

"The voting public has gained the impression that the Republican executive committee pays more attention to perpetuating itself in power than in striving for Republican victories at the polls. They have obtained this impression from the fact that the personnel of the committee does not change, that the same men are continued as members year after year in the face of party defeats under their leadership.

"In 1912, for instance, when the Republicans of this county supported Roosevelt over Taft, the organization continued in power controlled the convention and indorsed Taft. The impression was made throughout the country that Cleveland was for Taft, but in the election which followed Roosevelt ran far ahead of Taft.

"You've got to satisfy the people outside of the politicians that the affairs of the party are conducted with the view to advancing Republican doctrines and principles. You have got to have candidates in whom the people have confidence or you can't win.

"To win the Republicans must get the votes they have lost in the past. The old Republican wards are now Democratic wards. Why is it? There is more talk about the perpetuation of the executive committee from year to year than about any other thing. This applies to all elements in the party. The people demand a change. A change in party control, locally, is necessary to overcome the impression that the committee thinks more of continuing in control than it thinks of Republican success."

Republican Achievements.

Norton pointed out that the great public improvements in Cleveland during the past twenty years had been inaugurated by and in some instances completed by Republicans. He told of laws passed at the request of Republicans that big improvements requiring legislative action might be started.

"Every big improvement in Cleveland," he said, "was started by Republicans. These include river widening, the intercepting sewer system, the water tunnel, garbage collection, new courthouse, new city hall and the West Side market house. A Republican administration seized the lake front and saved it to the people. All of our parks were obtained and paid for under Republican rule.

"The only big thing the Democrats have done is to pile up a huge debt for small things."

The only personal word Norton said for himself was in reply to assertions made by supporters of Harry L. Davis that the latter ought to be the only Republican candidate for mayor because nobody but he would run two years ago.

Asked for Support.

Norton said he realized two years ago that for the Republicans to win the Progressives of 1912 must unite with them. He said he expected to be a candidate and told Maurice Maschke of his desire two weeks before Davis entered the race. He asked Maschke, as the leader of the Republicans who supported Taft in 1912 for indorsement. He also asked Guy O. Farquharson, the Progressive county chairman, for support. Farquharson had his request under consideration when Maschke met Norton on the street and told him it had been decided Davis was to run.

Norton said he later had a conference with Progressive committeemen and stepped aside for Davis, whom he helped throughout the campaign.

John A. Elden, who presided at the luncheon which was given at Shuster's restaurant on E. 12th st., announced that Harry L. Davis would be the club's guest next week.

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At Secret Conference Both Republicans Refuse to Withdraw.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With the hope of smashing home a blow at the organizations of both the old political parties, what is left of the Progressive organization of Cuyahoga county will rally its remaining strength to swing behind Charles P. Salen for mayor.

This announcement last night by R. E. Willing, active in the Bull Moose fight since its inception and until recently a taxing official under Deputy State Tax Commissioners Salen and James B. Ruhl, capped the climax of a day of developments in the Cleveland mayoralty situation.

Events of the day included a last unavailing and secret conference between Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton in the afternoon in the Cleveland Athletic club, and a speech by Candidate Norton at noon before the John Hay club at Schuster's, E. 12th-st, in which he launched a direct attack on the Republican county executive committee and laid at its door the blame for repeated Republican defeats.

Both the address and the later conference emphasized further the divisions that are separating Republican from Republican as the campaign opens.

Will Call on Salen.

The effort of the Bull Moose organization to revive its following and make a showing for Candidate Salen, anti-administration Democrat, if carried out as stated last evening will be one of the picturesque features of the fall fight.

According to the announcement, men who were conspicuous in the progressive battle of 1914 will meet at 2 tomorrow afternoon to call on Mr. Salen and offer him the aid of their organization.

According to Mr. Willing, these men are expected to participate among others: Guy O. Farquharson, Progressive county chairman; George R. Hamm, B. J. Stewart, Clarence Tarr, George Bender, W. B. Filkins, J. L. Donaldson, Daniel McKisson and W. T. Marvilius.

Mr. Willing said Mr. Farquharson, who attended the conciliation conference held by Republicans last Saturday in The Hollenden, was disgusted with the outlook because of the failure of W. H. Boyd to enter, and that his friends said yesterday, in his absence from the city, that he would join the movement to support the Salen candidacy.

"We expect to have about forty," said Mr. Willing. "Whether we can get them all there at 2 tomorrow is a question, but that is the plan.

"There are other men in this whose names cannot be mentioned."

In the conference between Candidates Davis and Norton in the Athletic club yesterday afternoon last efforts were made by each to have the other withdraw as a candidate for mayor to give some semblance of unity to the campaign of Cleveland Republicans.

All reports afterward were that the conference was in vain, and that it ended all conferring between the two so far as talk of harmony is concerned. The session was long, beginning in the early afternoon and continuing until after 5.

Each candidate was accompanied by three close advisers. Mr. Davis went with Maurice Maschke and Councilmen W. S. FitzGerald and W. B. Woods. With Mr. Norton were J. W. Holcomb, H. D. Lingenfelder and F. J. Van Wye.

The conference had been preceded by Mr. Norton's speech before the John Hay club, in which he declared confidence in the Republican cause in Cleveland will not be restored until there comes a change in the control of the party organization.

As Candidate Davis is supported by organization leaders, including Maurice Maschke, who controls the county committee, the speech of Mr. Norton was received as a thrust at both.

Mr. Norton thus brought into the open a thought which unquestionably will have a sequel next summer. There already are indications that when primary day and the election of party committee men rolls around again, another fight, partly the outgrowth of the confusion of the present situation, will be directed against former Collector of Customs Maschke and the existing Republican executive body.

Who will lead the next attempt to establish a new party leadership is a question that the months following this fall's election will show. But that there will be a fight is recognized by all sides. It is brewing now. It will be one of the results of the disorder which obtains this year in the Republican camp.

Even now there are new alignments and new partings of the ways. Cornelius Maloney, member of the county executive committee, heretofore a Maschke man, by refusing to enter the Davis movement and by joining forces with those who would have had both Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton withdraw, has separated himself from the Maschke following and has turned the Maschke leadership against him.

It was but a year ago that Mr. Maschke was instrumental in having Mr. Maloney placed on the executive committee. At this time the Maschke followers count Mr. Maloney as aligned with the element which fought the then collector in last summer's primary. Mr. Maloney disclaims any personal aspirations to the mantle of leadership, denying reports that he would seek a larger share in party control.

W. F. Eirick, former county commissioner and one of the Davis stump speakers in the campaign of 1913, will not speak for Mr. Davis this year, he announced yesterday.

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So the differences between Republican and Republican grow and assume aspects of permanency. The Republican party will bear the scars of this year's inward discord for many a day, Republican leaders themselves predict.

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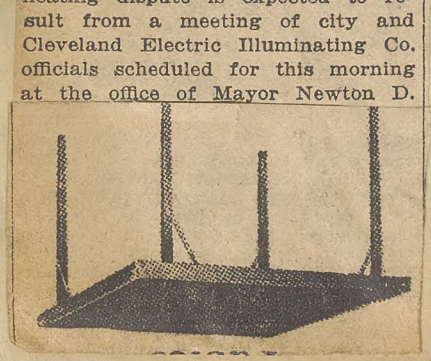
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REPLY.

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WITT BRANDED AS 'ANARCHIST'; SALEN STATES PLATFORM

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Witt Called "Anarchist."

Witt was arraigned as an "anarchistic demagogue" and "a dangerous citizen," and a man "whose candidacy for the office of mayor is the greatest shame in the history of the city," by Virgil P. Marani, former city building inspector.

"I want to announce at the start that I will not accept any city position if Salen is elected," said Marani. "I came here tonight to tell you what I know about Pete Witt. I believe he is a menace to the city and would make a wicked and dangerous mayor.

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Thus what are left of the Progressives dividing on the issue, the anti-administration end of the mayoralty situation was in more of a tumult than before.

Guy O. Farquharson, Progressive county chairman, was emphatic in declarations that the Progressive organization as such would aid no candidate, that he would not support Mr. Salen, and that Mr. Willing spoke only for himself. Then Mr. Farquharson came out squarely for Miner G. Norton for mayor.

"Imagine the Progressive organization supporting that sterling Progressive, Charles P. Salen!" said Mr. Farquharson.

W. B. Filkins, another named by Mr. Willing, heatedly declared himself against Candidate Salen and said he was for Miner G. Norton "from soup to nuts."

The platform announced by Mr. Salen at last night's meeting was entitled, "Salen's Contract With the People of Cleveland."

Mr. Salen makes these pledges, which he says, if elected [illegible] will: A nonpartisan administration; enforcement of the charter "in good faith," charging that the conduct of the civil service "is notoriously a fraud;" establishment of a complete sewage disposal system to insure a pure water supply; opening of the books of the municipal lighting department to all citizens to show the users rates and cost of operation; through service on all car lines and universal fare paying systems; immediate repairing of pavements; opening of new thoroughfares and dead-end streets; abandonment of the present policy of managing the Warrensville farm, which, he asserts, is "a coddling of criminals and degenerates which attracts undesirables from all parts of the country;" efforts to "encourage and aid rather than hamper and interfere with legitimate business;" a liberal policy with clubs and lodges, which he says "should no more be subject to interference than the private home of any citizen;" the filling of city positions with Clevelanders.

In a long plank on "Buildings" Mr. Salen declares for "simplifying the regulations necessary to health, sanitation and safety and eliminating whatever can be properly omitted" from the building code. He says he would investigate the tenement code to correct or repeal inoperative and confusing provisions, asserting enforcement of the code "has driven nearly all apartment house construction outside of the city."

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First: Shall section 28 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland be amended as set forth in Ordinance No. 37524, passed by the Council of the City of Cleveland on August 30th, 1915, in order to give separate representation in the City Council to Newly annexed territory?

Second: Shall the Charter of the City of Cleveland be supplemented by the addition thereto of two new sections as set forth in Ordinance No. 37712, passed by the Council of the City of Cleveland on August 30th, 1915, providing for standard wages with a minimum wage of $2.50 per day of eight hours on work done for the City of Cleveland by contractors?

Third: Shall Ordinance No. 36233-A, entitled, "An Ordinance granting to the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company, an Ohio corporation, its successors and assigns, the right to construct and maintain subways and to construct, maintain and operate therein an underground railroad for the transportation of freight along and under certain public roads, streets, alleys, ways and grounds in the City of Cleveland and to erect and maintain suitable approaches for the same and defining the routes" be approved or rejected?

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Sixth: Shall Ordinance No. 38010, being an initiated Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of the property of the Cleveland Railway Company by the City of Cleveland and the issue and sale of mortgage bonds and the passage of a franchise as security for such bonds" be approved and become an Ordinance of the City of Cleveland?

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WILLING READS FARQUHARSON OUT OF MOOSE

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Willing is busy organizing Progressives in all parts of the city to support Salen.

In an open letter Friday Willing declares that one of the big fights made by the Progressive party has been for nonpartisan elections and declares that three months ago Farquharson was reported to have left the Progressives and returned to the Republican ranks. "And," says Willing's letter, "this never was denied by Farquharson."

Farquharson Thursday declared that in pledging Progressive support to Salen Willing was acting without authority of the party leaders.

Salen Has 'Em Scared.

Organization Democrats Friday were busy hunting for weak spots in the Salen mayoralty platform announced Thursday night. If they find any they will order an attack by organization "missionaries" now working in every ward. It was admitted that the Salen platform was a vote-getting statement which would cut deeply into the regular Democratic vote because it is not cluttered up with defenses of administration blunders.

Salen pledges a more liberal regulation of saloons based upon Cleveland's cosmopolitan complexion, and to remove the saloon from the dictates of a "political ring"; to give boxing a fair trial under commission supervision and to adequately control the vice problem and prevent its spread into residence districts.

Salen answered the attacks of Democratic organization speakers who have called him a "traitor to Tom L. Johnson." Salen declared he was the one man of the old Johnson regime who stuck by Mayor Tom in his reverses, and classed those who now are claiming direct descent as the real traitors.

"If it had not been for the vipers who showed their fangs after Tom L. Johnson had warmed them to his breast he still would be with us," said Salen. "It was the treachery and trickery of the very men who now call me traitor that drove Tom Johnson to an early grave."

In a speech at Osterland hall, Professor st. and Starkweather ave., Harry L. Davis, one of the Republican candidates, also declared in favor of a boxing commission.

Press

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"I'LL TAKE HIDE OFF SALEN," IS WITT PROMISE

Promises to Answer Candidate Who Denies He "Was Traitor to Johnson" and Charges Johnson's Friends With Plot

Salen Issues Mayoralty Platform--Brings "Liberal Tendencies" and Segregated District Into Campaign.

Peter Witt said Friday he'd "take the hide off Charlie Salen" at the opening meeting of the democratic organization in Acme hall Tuesday night.

Witt's remark was brought out by Salen's statement Thursday night that he had never "betrayed Tom Johnson," but that those around Johnson had "insidiously plotted against" Salen.

Witt will bring out Muny Clerk Henry's affidavit of four years ago, in which Henry says ex-Mayor Herman Baehr told him that Salen during the Johnson-Baehr campaign had said:

"Herman, I'm doing all I can for you, but under the hat."

Burr Gongwer, collector of customs, who was formerly Johnson's secretary, Friday asserted Salen had worked against Johnson at the Denver national democratic convention in 1908, when Salen's friend Harvey Garber beat Johnson for national committeeman.

Salen absolutely denied these stories.

Deny Hanna's Backing.

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For "Liberal Tendencies."

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Other meetings of the same character are to be held tonight and next week.

It was said yesterday that the organization now building by Salen would work along lines designed to get all voters dissatisfied with present local political and governmental conditions into his camp.

R. E. Willing, recently a valuation expert in the office of the county tax board, is one of the leaders in an effort to get the support of former Progressives for Tax Commissioner Salen. He has, however, failed to secure the assistance of the officers of the late Progressive organization. Willing has called a meeting of "Salen Progressives" for next Tuesday night in the Fackler block, E. 152d st. and Aspinwall ave. Another meeting is to be held the following Friday at the American house.

Plan for Salen.

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While Salen is "gumshoeing" the other mayoralty candidates are not idle. Peter Witt, the Democratic organization candidate, is sharpening his knife to "take the hide off Salen" at the opening meeting of his campaign Tuesday evening in Acme hall.

Chairman Bulkley, of the Democratic executive committee, is rendering first aid to get a big crowd at the Witt meeting by sending notices to all the cogs, big and little, in the machine that he expects to see them at Acme hall. Salen laughed yesterday when he learned he was to be "skinned" by Witt and hinted that he had been baiting for just such an attack by his Democratic opponent.

Harry L. Davis, meanwhile, is making several speeches nightly while Miner G. Norton, like Salen, is engaged in quietly organizing his forces for the campaign. C. E. Ruthenberg, the Socialist candidate, is on the stump every night, boosting the proposition that the city buy the street railway and operate it.

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Martin Thumm, chairman of the organization's speakers' committee, announced Saturday he's to send Crosser a "stump invitation" Monday.

Crosser Will Accept.

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"I'm for Peter Witt because we stand for the same things, and I'm going to do my best to help elect him mayor," said Crosser.

Bulkley said: "We're electing a mayor, not a congressman, this fall."

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R. E. Willing, recently a valuation expert in the office of the county tax board, is one of the leaders in an effort to get the support of former Progressives for Tax Commissioner Salen. He has, however, failed to secure the assistance of the officers of the late Progressive organization. Willing has called a meeting of "Salen Progressives" for next Tuesday night in the Fackler block, E. 152d st. and Aspinwall ave. Another meeting is to be held the following Friday at the American house.

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The Salen executive committee will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon at 305 Cuyahoga building for organization and to discuss campaign plans.

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Chairman Bulkley, of the Democratic executive committee, is rendering first aid to get a big crowd at the Witt meeting by sending notices to all the cogs, big and little, in the machine that he expects to see them at Acme hall. Salen laughed yesterday when he learned he was to be "skinned" by Witt and hinted that he had been baiting for just such an attack by his Democratic opponent.

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Crosser said he will accept the committee's invitation.

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Ruthenberg's challenge was issued Sunday at Engineers hall. He said the Cleveland Railway Co. has spent a million more than allowed by the Tayler grant.

"Mr. Ruthenberg's charge does not need debate," Baker commented. "Of course, the railway company has exceeded its allowance for improvements and operating expense. We're just getting the Tayler grant into its correct operation."

Witt said he might debate Ruthenberg "if an opportunity presented itself."

Ruthenberg Ridicules "Issues."

"Ruthenberg knows the high interest on bonds needed to buy the car lines would be a big factor in making car operation more expensive than now," said Witt. "I'm in favor of the city buying the system if it would save money."

Incidentally, Ruthenberg ridiculed the "issues" he said have so far marked the campaigns of Witt, Charles Salen and Harry Davis.

"Boxing matches and drinks are not real issues," said Ruthenberg. "Neither is the question of whether Salen betrayed Tom L. Johnson."

The Peter Witt labor club, organized a month ago, became a campaign factor Sunday when Witt addressed a crowd at the American house.

James S. Kennedy, state senator and chairman of the club, presided.

Witt pledged labor a fair, square deal as mayor.

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C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist candidate for mayor, says the city can take over the Concon and run it more economically than it is run at present.

Ruthenberg drafted the ordinance providing for the city's purchase of the street railways system. The proposal will be voted on at the November election.

"Our plan," explained Ruthenberg, "is to have the city take over the lines by issuing mortgage bonds against the railway property, as provided for in the state constitution.

"The Tayler franchise provides that the city may take over the lines at any time at the capital value plus 10 per cent. That has been estimated at $34,000,000. The bonds would not be a lien on any other city property

"City Could Float Loan."

"Do you think so large a bond issue could be sold at par?" he was asked. "And what method have you planned for disposing of them?"

"The details of floating the bonds would have to be worked out when the time came," he replied. "But I think we can safely assume that the city could manage the sale, just as other bonds have been sold in the past. Moreover, I think many of the present Concon stockholders would accept bonds for their present stock rather than investments."

"Why do you believe that higher fares are inevitable?"

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Says Allowances Grew.

"After the arbitration at that time, the allowances were increased. And now comes the 1914 report showing that they have again exceeded them by $355,000. If that continues, the fares must go up."

"And how would municipal ownership reduce expenses?"

"First, by doing away with our $50,000 a year street railway commissioner's office. Second, by replacing high salaried officials by civil service appointees. And lastly, by the fact that the [illegible] ought not to draw more than 5 or 5 per cent, whereas the stockholders at present have to be 6 per cent."

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Ohio Congressmen Not Unit on Question of Gerrymander as Proposed by Republicans.

Leader Bureau, 304 Harrison Bldg.

COLUMBUS, Oct. 4.—A split among the Democratic members of Congress from Ohio over the Sprague congressional redistricting law was revealed today at a meeting of the Democratic state central committee called to plan a campaign against this measure which is to be submitted to a referendum vote of the people at the coming election.

Although all of the nine Democratic congressmen were specially invited to attend the meeting only five of them appeared and Congressman A. W. Overmyer, of Fremont, made the open charge before the meeting that one of the absentees is actively opposing the referendum campaign and supporting the new law.

Hints at Ashbrook.

He mentioned no name, but it was generally understood that he referred to Congressman W. A. Ashbrook, of Johnstown, representing the seventeenth district. It was rumored that one or two of the other three are indifferent as to the defeat of the Sprague law.

The meeting adopted a report drafted by former Attorney General Hogan, Congressman Warren Gard, of Hamilton, and State Executive Chairman William L. Finley, condemning the Sprague law as unfair to the Democrats and demanding its rejection at the polls as an indorsement of President Wilson.

Former Governor James C. Campbell, Hogan and Congressmen Allen, of Cincinnati; Gordon, of Cleveland; Key, of Marion, and Overmyer, denounced the new act in speeches.

Hits License Measure.

A report was also adopted calling upon Ohio voters to vote against the McDermott license decentralizing law which likewise is to be submitted to a referendum vote. The present Greenlund license law with its centralized system was declared effective.

Hogan and Executive Chairman Finley asserted that the McDermott law had been abandoned by the Republican organization since no indorsement was given it at the Republican meeting last week which planned a campaign in defense of the Sprague law.

David J. Zinner, member of the Democratic state central committee, with Congressman Gordon, represented the Cleveland Democracy.

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Starts Mayoralty Battle by Democratic Meeting in Acme Hall.

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It was from the platform in Acme hall, which has housed many a Democratic gathering, that the street railway commissioner immediately after his indorsement by the Democratic county executive committee took over in a body the precinct workers of the organization. Tonight is the first time "the boys" have assembled since.

While the formal launching of the Witt campaign is set for Saturday night, when the Democratic tent will be taken out of storage, the organization backers of the candidate look upon tonight's meeting as the real start of the fight.

This week also will see the inauguration of the Harry L. Davis campaign, it was announced yesterday at Davis headquarters. The general Davis committee is to convene Thursday evening in the Alley club. Mr. Davis will make his "pledge to the public" and the chairmanship of the Davis executive committee will be announced.

Miner G. Norton has not announced his campaign details. Charles P. Salen is spending this week in organization work.

Last night Mr. Salen was continuing his campaign of under cover organization, attending several secret meetings on the East Side which the candidate said were largely Republican gatherings.

Salen headquarters were selected yesterday afternoon. They will be the entire second floor of a building at 322 Superior-av N. W. The quarters will be partially ready for occupancy today.

Election day is four weeks from today. A whirlwind month remains. The mayoralty candidates are on their marks, and with the Witt meeting tonight, they're off, all six. Beginning next Monday it will be a night and day go for three weeks.

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The poll among Cleveland lawyers being taken by the Cleveland Bar association as to the qualifications of candidates for places on the municipal court bench is to be completed and counted tomorrow night. The results are to be announced Thursday.

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Early responses indicate the poll will be unusually heavy.

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AGREES TO TERMS TO HEAT CITY HALL

Illuminating Company Will Furnish Service; Ordinance is Introduced.

Council Provides Funds for Light Cable Across West Side.

Cleveland's new $3,000,000 municipal palace on the lake front is not to remain unheated this winter.

Assurance of steam heat came last night with announcement from Mayor Newton D. Baker that the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. had submitted a satisfactory proposal. An ordinance embodying the suggestion of the company was introduced in council last evening and referred to the council committee on lighting. In addition, the council passed an ordinance obligating the city to the acceptance of an agreement to use the company's steam heat for ten years.

While attorneys suggested the city cannot bind itself to a ten-year agreement of this character the matter may be settled by a test suit.

The ordinance introduced last evening at the company's suggestion requires the city to use steam at the rates contained in schedules filed from time to time with the public utilities commission. The company is given the right to extend a new heating main from E. 6th-st and Superior-av N. E. to the new city hall at the foot of E. 6th-st.

Councilman Alex Bernstein demanded from council committee on parks, an immediate report on his resolution asking for a study of the construction of a stadium with seating capacity large enough to accommodate the enormous crowds that attend amateur baseball games. Chairman Robert Koch of the council committee on parks promised the committee would consider the resolution next Monday afternoon.

An ordinance authorizing $75,000 municipal light plant bonds was passed. This will care for immediate extension of a new cable across the West Side.

Transfer of $5,000 from the continuous audit fund for use in the starting of work on a traffic survey to be undertaken by the city plan commission, was authorized by an ordinance introduced.

An ordinance authorizing the appointment of 100 additional patrolmen was also introduced.

The council received a communication from President Bascom Little of the Chamber of Commerce asking whether the city would assist in the financing of the proposed mid-term federal census. The communication was referred to the committee on finance.

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A number of new amendments to the building code were introduced last evening. One would permit construction of larger marquees over entrances to buildings located on corner lots. This would enable the Cuyahoga hotel, at Superior-av and E. 9th-st, to follow plans it has in view. An amendment to the section of the ordinance relating to the storage of gasoline also was introduced.

President Thompson appointed a committee of seven to arrange for Liberty Bell day and the reception of the national relic Nov. 23.

A committee of three to arrange for a disease prevention day Oct. 15 also was named by the chair.

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While the skins are drying, Witt says, he'll confine his work to the real issues of the campaign.

Others to Take Hand.

On the other hand, Salen, Norton and Davis indicated Tuesday they're going to prolong the task of flaying Witt.

All four taxidermists say they'll use sharp words, and that they'll cut deep enough to expose to voters all the bones in political skeletons.

Acme hall, 2416 E. Ninth-st, is to be the scene of the Witt skinning bee. Doors open at 7 o'clock Tuesday night.

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Violations of the law which prohibits the distributing of free liquor in dry territory have been committed at a number of meetings held by the Democratic organization, Rutledge said.

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"I'll finish the other two candidates next Monday night," continued Mr. Witt. "I'll discuss Dan Hanna on some future evening. And from then on I'll devote myself to laying before the people of Cleveland the propositions I stand for, the things I've declared for, the things I'll work for during my coming two years in office.

"They think they're going to bait me. They think they'll keep me from talking about the principles that I will carry out when I take the office of mayor—as I will!" He thrust it at them with a sweep of his arm, and they thundered back in applause.

The meeting, which jammed the hall and packed the galleries, at which more stood in closely pressed rows than were seated, and from which hundreds were turned away, officially rang up the curtain on Peter Witt's campaign as administration candidate for mayor.

Former Congressman R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee, presided, and said as he presented Mr. Witt:

"Gentlemen, if you are ready, you will now listen to the finish of Mr. Salen as far as this campaign is concerned. Your next mayor, Pete Witt!"

An address by Mayor Newton D. Baker preceded that of the candidate. Tracing the accomplishments of Democracy in Cleveland under Tom L. Johnson, claiming for the Democracy the achievements of the past fourteen years of the city's history, and sketching the course of his own administration, the mayor in closing paid his respects to Mr. Salen.

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"The question seems to be agitating the minds of some of the opposition as to whether Charley Salen betrayed Tom Johnson," said the mayor. "I know he never betrayed me, because I never trusted him."

First with a ripple and then with a surging roar, the crowd laughed until the roof shook.

Mr. Witt had a blow for every year of Charles P. Salen's record. He charged him with having "double crossed every man he ever played with." He charged him flatly and vehemently with having betrayed Tom Johnson, not once, but more than once. He charged him with having changed sides and leaders as he foresaw their rise or fall. He laughed at Mr. Salen's talk of a "business administration."

"This business man!" he said "He never engaged in business bigger than a peanut stand that he made go."

"Mr. Chairman and Fellow Democrats." So Peter Witt began his second speech before the Democratic organization that is behind him in his fight. One hand was thrust in the breast of his coat in characteristic fashion.

"Some years ago I paid my respects to the man that I'm going to talk about tonight, when he tried to stampede a tent out at Gordon park," he said. "Four years ago, under canvas, in the contest before the Democratic primaries, I again referred to his awful past. When I got through that night I never thought I would be called upon to speak of him again. I thought he was finished. But as he is possessed of nothing but brass, he never will be through."

The speaker went back to Mr. Salen's political beginning.

"If anyone wants knowledge as to his fitness to hold city office, go down and examine the public record he wrote as city clerk," he said.

Delving into the past to 1895, Mr. Witt spoke of the then Mayor Robert Blee's campaign for re-election. Mr. Blee was a Democrat.

"Charley Salen," said Mr. Witt, "picked out a man named Williams and said he'd nominate him for mayor. Williams wrote out a speech of acceptance and sat in the Arcade waiting for the call of the convention. Salen was a candidate for postmaster. He forced the Blee organization to send telegrams to Calvin Brice, then United States senator, urging his appointment as postmaster. He made that deal on the floor of the convention, although the man he had promised to nominate for mayor sat waiting. He threw him to the winds when he thought he had the postmastership.

"The Blee organization honestly carried out that promise." Mr. Witt went on to say Calvin Brice appointed another man postmaster.

"Salen then," he continued, "said Blee and Farley and the rest betrayed him. The Monday before election he sank the knife of a traitor into the breast of Bob Blee."

In 1897, "Salen knifed Blee quietly," the candidate said. He said Mr. Salen received a job as Democratic elections board member at the hands of R. E. McKisson, Republican mayor. In 1899, Mr. Witt said "Salen saw McKisson was on the wane and got into the Farley band wagon." Then he said Mr. Salen became an administrative official under Mr. Farley.

"Then came 1901, when he bid farewell to Farley," Mr. Witt asserted. "He tries to make the people believe he brought Tom Johnson to Cleveland." Mr. Witt said in those days of political managers, every "door tender" claimed credit for the management of campaigns that were victorious.

"Then in the Johnson administration," said Mr. Witt, "Tom Johnson made him director of public works—and he made a mistake.

"At the Crank club one Saturday L. A. Russell asked Tom, 'Why did you make that man director of public works? It's like slapping the decent people of the city in the face with a wet towel. What does he know about it?' Tom said, 'Nothing, I'm going to run it.'"

Mr. Witt scoffed Mr. Salen's claim to credit for Sunday baseball, saying, "I remember Sunday baseball when I was a kid. I remember the Peerless team, the Mystics, the West End Grays, the Newburg Stars."

"But they say he started Sunday baseball in Brookside park," he added. "And the first Sunday they opened the park to baseball, he had a henchman collecting 15 cents from every person that went into the grandstand."

Mr. Witt charged that Mr. Salen betrayed Tom Johnson in 1904 at the Democratic convention held in Columbus to pick four delegates at large to the national convention at St. Louis, when he had himself elected as a delegate.

"That's the day from which dated the betrayal of Tom Johnson. Tom Johnson knew it," said Mr. Witt.

"In 1905 he, Salen, again was a candidate for county clerk, on a platform denouncing the fee system that netted him $150,000 in the three years before. And as soon as the legislature convenes in 1906 he's in Columbus lobbying to make possible the continuing of the fee system."

In 1907, Mr. Salen in nine wards placed candidates for council against Tom Johnson, Mr. Witt charged.

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In 1908, Mr. Witt said he begged Mr. Johnson "to get rid of Lee and Salen." He spoke of his old charge that Harry Kline, a precinct captain, asked Mr. Salen to sign a Johnson petition, and that Mr. Salen said it was "too early."

"They lined up all the Democratic malcontents and knifed Tom Johnson," cried the candidate. "Of course Salen didn't defeat him—he was not big enough—but he lent all his strength to it."

Mr. Witt said Mr. Salen next "bobbed up" at Columbus lobbying against "humane laws." Mr. Witt took occasion there to pay tribute to former Gov. James M. Cox, saying while he disagreed with him on the tax question, he considered him the best governor Ohio had known in his lifetime. He spoke of the Democratic attack on Cox by the organization he said had fittingly been called the "Glue Democracy," and the election of Frank B. Willis.

"Think of it," he said. "Willis governor of Ohio! A man who thinks with his lungs and acts with his knife and fork."

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He then explained the Tom Johnson of whom he spoke and wrote before knowing him was not "the Tom Johnson I helped carry out of the Knickerbocker apartments," referring to Mr. Johnson's death.

"Sure I said it," he said, speaking of printed extracts from the pamphlet. "I'd say it again under the right circumstances."

He took up Mr. Salen's "contract" paragraph after paragraph, terming Mr. Salen "this business man that thinks in peanuts." He said if Mr. Salen's suggestions for through service on car lines and universal fare paying systems were adopted, riders getting on a through car in the East End, bound for the Public square, would have to pay as they entered and again as they left. The crowd roared.

He spoke of the fact there were two court stenographers present taking down his speech. It seemed like old times, he said, and turning to the stenographers, said if there was anything "Charlie didn't understand or Jakie couldn't sleuth out," to come back and he'd make his statements over again.

Mayor Baker called the Democratic organization a fighting body of trained veterans. He discussed the 3-cent street car fare fight, Mr. Johnson's fight for a 2-cent steam railroad rate and for reform in the methods of valuing railroads for taxation. He spoke of the work of his administration, and the new city hall, which he said they were "building for Pete." He then urged as of utmost importance support for the Barber subway and Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal franchises, and for the union station ordinance.

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Witt Burns Contract.

Salen said he looked upon Witt's "skinning bee" at Acme hall Tuesday night, attended by 2000, as an indication of sure victory for himself.

"Witt made the same stereotyped speech in 1908, when I was running for county clerk, and I was the only democrat elected," said Salen.

Witt said Wednesday that one of the first things he did when he got out of bed was to set a match to his copy of Salen's "contract" stating his campaign pledges.

"I'm thru with Salen for the rest of the campaign," Witt said.

Interrupted by shouts of "Go to it Pete!" and "Skin 'em alive!" Witt Tuesday night addressed the biggest gathering of organization democrats in Cleveland's history.

Hall Is Filled.

Acme hall was filled with tobacco smoke and enthusiasm. The aisles were crowded.

Chairman Robert Bulkley's light brown socks, the red collar on the coat of one of the four women present, flags, and four dangling Chinese lanterns furnished the color.

Shoulders squared, eyes glinting behind his glasses, Witt talked. He wore a dark blue suit. His tie was askew. His voice had a ring.

"I thought I had finished with Charlie Salen four years ago at the democratic primaries," began Witt, quietly. "But, as Salen possesses nothing but brass, he'll never be thru!"

Traces Salen's History.

"Louder, Pete!" came the cry from the rear of the hall.

Witt took a big drink out of a water pitcher trimmed with pink roses and cracked in three places. Then he proceeded to trace Salen's political career, year by year.

"Salen and his friends organized the 'Glue Democracy,' Witt shouted. "They helped to elect the gizzard-eating governor we now have—Willis.

"Willis is a man who thinks with his lungs and acts with his knife and fork.

"And when Willis was elected, to restore the government to the people, he appointed Salen as tax commissioner.

"Salen previously had told Billy Agnew that Agnew wouldn't lose his job as taxer. Salen thought he was going to be license commissioner, but when he failed to get that, he took the job he had promised to Agnew.

"Salen criticises our car service. If Salen can run our car service better and cheaper than it is being run, then he has been in the peanut business too long.

"Examine Public Records."

"If anyone wants knowledge as to Salen's fitness to hold city office, let him go down and examine the public records he wrote as city clerk."

He charged Salen in 1895 "stuck a traitor knife" into Bob Blee, candidate for mayor, after Salen had tried to put thru his own indorsement for postmaster.

He asserted Salen knifed Bob McKisson quietly, and got into John Farley's bandwagon. He claimed what he called "Salen's betrayal of Tom L. Johnson" dated from 1904.

"In 1904, Salen double-crossed Johnson and had himself elected a delegate to the St. Louis convention," shouted Witt. "In 1907, when Tom ran against icicle Burton, Salen went about lining up an anti-Johnson council slate.

"Salen didn't beat Tom Johnson finally. He wasn't big enough. But he threw all his weight against Johnson in the showdown. Johnson knew it, too."

Recalls Fee Law Fight.

Witt took another drink from the water pitcher, and dug up more skeletons. He charged Salen was elected county clerk in 1905 on a no-fee platform, and that he afterwards lobbied for laws permitting the continuance of the fee system.

Then Witt ridiculed Salen as "the father of Sunday baseball," and charged Salen's "henchmen" took up a collection when the first official Sunday game was played at Brookside park.

"When I was a boy on the West-side, the 'Peerless Stars,' the 'Mystics' and the 'East-End Rocks' played Sunday ball before Salen ever got into the game," said Witt.

"In 1911, Salen lobbied against labor laws," Witt said.

Witt was introduced by Bulkley, chairman of the democratic committee, who referred to Salen as an "alleged democrat." Mayor Baker preceded Witt.

Baker read - Tom Johnson's praise of Witt, written on Johnson's deathbed.

"You should select for mayor the man who stood on Tom Johnson's right hand while I stood on the left," said Baker. "Charlie Salen never double-crossed me, I never let him."

Salen Denies Charge.

Flatly denying Witt's charge that Dan R. Hanna provides the "barrel" for his campaign funds, Salen warned Witt to watch his step thruout the mayoralty campaign.

"I'm not going to enter into a controversy with Witt," said Salen.

"I have nothing to do with Hanna, altho I am a close personal friend of W. P. Leech. I'm going to make my campaign a constructive one, free from personalities."

Answering Witt's charge that he knifed Tom L. Johnson, Salen said:

"I have already told the public that I didn't betray Tom Johnson. I'm going to stand on that. If Witt wants to dig his own grave by vituperation, I'll let him lie in it."

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WITT CALLS HIM TRAITOR; 'SILLY,' SALEN REPLIES

Four Thousand Democrats Listen to Opening Speech of Their Candidate.

Traction Commissioner Witt, Democratic organization candidate for mayor, Tuesday night told 4,000 organization workers, gathered in Acme Hall, 2416 E. 9th st., that Charles P. Salen, anti-organization candidate, was a traitor to Tom L. Johnson, that his political record "was awful" and that Salen always has been a political traitor. Witt's remarks were cheered throughout.

Then Witt declared he was through with Salen but that he would take up the other candidates, and Dan Hanna, at a later date. Witt charged that Hanna was supporting Salen's candidacy and that he "had the barrel."

Wednesday Salen called Witt's speech "silly."

"This is practically the same speech that Witt delivered when I was a candidate for county clerk, and it then had the effect of my being the only Democrat elected," Salen said. "I was elected by 4,000 majority and ran about 20,000 ahead of the ticket. This speech makes me more confident than ever."

R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee and of Tuesday night's meeting, and Mayor Baker prepared the audience for Witt's speech. Here's what Witt told his audience:

"I Am to Skin Him."

"Ten years ago I paid my respects to the man I am going to talk about. Four years ago I again told of his awful past. I thought I'd never have to go after him again, but as he possesses nothing but brass, he'll never be finished. So long as a dollar is rolling he will be after it. They say I am to skin him. He smells so bad with the hide, I'll take it off.

"He was raised near where I was born on the West Side. I remember him as city clerk. If anybody wants to know what kind of a clerk he was, let him go to the city hall and examine the records. He was clerk two years, then out two years, and clerk again. Then he was clerk for the election board till 1893, when he became a candidate for mayor at the primaries and was tied to the post."

Says He Knifed Farley.

"Back in 1897 John Farley was knifed by Salen and Charlie was given Carl Nau's place as Democratic member of the election board. At the next election Salen went back on McKisson and supported Farley, who made him city auditor.

"In 1901 he bade farewell to Farley and tried to make people believe he brought Tom L. Johnson here to run for mayor. Johnson made him director of public works, and made a mistake.

"Salen double-crossed Johnson at the Democratic state convention in 1904. When a candidate for re-election as county clerk Salen ran on an antifee platform and after election lobbied at Columbus for the retention of the fee system.

"Dan Hanna tried to elect a boy mayor two years ago. I got in this race early. Then the boy got in, and then another. Dan Hanna didn't think two Republicans could lick a Democrat and then he put in Salen. Hanna has the barrel."

In closing, Witt said: "I'm through with Salen tonight. I'll finish with my other opponents some other night. I'll take up Dan Hanna another night and then I'll devote my campaign to things I'll accomplish during my two years in office."

BAKER NOT OUT FOR GOVERNOR, HE SAYS

Mayor Baker isn't a candidate for governor or for any other office. When he leaves city hall January 1 he'll devote his time to practice of law.

This was the word Wednesday from Baker. Democrats saw in his speech at Acme hall Tuesday night a casting of one of the Baker hats into the gubernatorial ring. It was a well-drawn word picture of himself as a future governor, his admirers thought.

WON'T ASK COUNCIL FOR ORCHESTRA MONEY

Mayor Baker and Recreation Commissioner Black decided definitely Wednesday they will not ask council to back the municipal orchestra financially this year. Whether any city support is forthcoming after January 1, when Baker leaves office, will be left for the incoming mayor.

Black told Baker the cost of the orchestra to January 1 will be approximately $10,000. Private subscriptions will total $5,000, Baker predicted. Black estimated the income from seat sales at $4,880.

Baker said Manager Daniels of the Hippodrome has promised the theater free for sixteen Sundays between November 28 and March 26.

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NORTON, SALEN, DAVIS, WITT TO DINE TOGETHER

Four Mayoralty Candidates Will Speak Fifteen Minutes Each at Builders' Exchange Luncheon.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Four candidates for mayor, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen and Peter Witt, have accepted invitations to be the guests of the Cleveland Builders' Exchange at a noonday luncheon next Monday.

Each candidate has consented to speak fifteen minutes upon the issues of the municipal campaign and explain his position upon questions receiving attention in the contest for the mayoralty.

A. C. Klumph, president of the exchange, will be the toastmaster and introduce the speakers. Two years ago in the municipal campaign, the then mayoralty candidates, Newton D. Baker and Harry L. Davis, engaged in a heated discussion at an exchange luncheon. Interest shown in the coming meeting indicates that the candidates will have a large audience of business men.

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Harry L. Davis' speaking campaig will be formally opened tonight with a meeting in the Alley Club, in E. 3d st., near Euclid ave. Davis will present his platform as a candidate for mayor to his campaign committee of 200. He will term the platform his pledge to the people and will present it, following addresses by Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, Lamar Beman and Pierre A. White.

Eight subcommittees of the general committee will be named, each to have charge of special work in the campaign. Recommendations for places on these subcommittees were made last night at a conference of the Davis ward leaders, held in his headquarters, 714 Schofield building.

Davis will speak at West Side meetings Friday night and in the thirteenth ward Saturday night, but his big meetings will not start until next Monday.

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Norton to Speak.

Miner G. Norton, who has been prosecuting a quiet campaign for mayor, will speak tonight to the Fifth Ward Republican Club in its rooms, 2818 W. 25th st. William J. Delaney, Republican candidate for council in the fifth ward, will also address the club. This is the only speech scheduled for Norton until next Monday, when he will debate with Peter Witt in the Democratic tent.

Witt has not been assigned to any meetings until Saturday night, when he will start his tent meeting campaign on the West Side.

Charles P. Salen will address several house meetings tonight and tomorrow night will speak at a thirteenth ward gathering in Brom's hall, 5800 Hamm ave.

A group of Salen supporters interested in athletics will meet tonight at his headquarters, 322 Superior ave. N. W.

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The need of the Republican party in Cleveland for a live, active, fighting organization was urged upon the John Hay Club by Congressman Henry I. Emerson yesterday. Emerson was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the club in the Cuyahoga restaurant. The congressman declined to discuss the local political situation because of the fact there were two Republicans seeking the mayor's office. He outlined what he purposes to do at the coming session of Congress. He wanted his friends to be honest with him, and asked that they send to him any criticism they desired to make on his stand on any public question.

"When I get to Washington two months from now," he said, "I want to know what the people back home think about measures before Congress. I don't care what lobbyists in Washington may say so long as I serve the people as they desire to be served.

Sees G. O. P. Victory.

"I can't see how the Republicans can lose in 1916, but I do not believe in sleeping at the switch. We must not overlook anything nor indulge in over confidence.

"In Congress I shall vote for what I believe to be to the best interests of the Republican party, for I believe the Republican policies are best for the country. I am for a protective tariff law. I believe the time has arrived when this country must take a stand for national defense. We should have a navy that commands the respect of every nation in the world. I am in favor of national preparedness. I believe we should teach patriotism and love of country to our youth. Every vote I cast in Congress will be for America first."

Resolutions deploring the death of Frederick Bagley of The Leader staff were adopted by the club, tributes to his memory being paid by Monroe Curtis, Miner G. Norton, Pierre White and Herbert C. Wood.

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Charles P. Salen last night addressed a meeting of the Hungarian Citizens' League at West Side Turn hall. The league represents all the Hungarian societies in the city. The meeting was behind closed doors.

Salen, in his speech, discussed the financial condition of the city and other questions treated by him in his mayoralty platform. He laid special stress upon the alleged interference of city officials with the right of individuals. No mention was made by him of the attack upon him Tuesday night by Peter Witt.

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SALEN CALLS WITT ORAL ATTACK 'SILLY'

Says No One Takes His Opponent's Campaign Address Seriously.

All Mayoralty Candidates Clear Decks for Next Week's Rallies.

TONIGHT'S MEETINGS.

Davis.

Campaign opening, meeting of general Davis committee, Alley club, E. 3d-st. Speakers, Harry L. Davis, W. S. FitzGerald, Alex Bernstein, Lamar T. Beman and Pierre A. White.

Salen.

Mass meeting, amateur sport lovers, 8 p. m., at Salen headquarters, 322 Superior-av N. W.

Socialist.

Lorain-av and W. 97th-st. Speaker, John G. Willert.

Broadway S. E. and E. 55th-st. Speaker, C. E. Ruthenberg, candidate for mayor.

St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 79th-st. Speaker, Joseph E. Robb.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With Peter Witt's arraignment of Charles P. Salen and its possible effect the chief topics of political conversation yesterday, the several mayoralty candidates were lining up for new activities and clearing the way for action next week, which will see all the campaigns in full blast.

Mr. Salen, whose newly established headquarters at 322 Superior-av N. W. nearly ready for occupancy, are being decorated with great "Salen Nonpartisan League" signs outside and with bunting and flags inside, offered no come-back or comment on Mr. Witt's attack of the night before other than to say "it was so silly no one was taking it seriously."

Mr. Salen flatly denied having said or indicated he intended considering suit against Mr. Witt, and declared he had no such intention. He also said it would be "silly" to think of accepting Mr. Witt's challenge to publish 50,000 copies of the book from which Witt opponents have been quoting.

With quiet reigning in the Witt camp and the Salen crowd busy with headquarters and organization details, the supporters of Harry L. Davis were preparing for tonight's meeting in the Alley club, which is to be the official opening of the Davis campaign.

Speakers for the meeting were announced yesterday afternoon. Besides Mr. Davis, they will be Councilmen W. S. FitzGerald and Alex Bernstein, Lamar T. Beman and Pierre A. White.

Mr. Davis will issue his campaign platform in the shape of a "pledge to the public." It will be similar to the Davis platform of two years ago, with "city necessities first" its keynote.

Candidate Miner G. Norton is making no final campaign arrangements until next week. There will be no particular activities in the Norton camp until after Monday night, when Mr. Norton is to meet Peter Witt in debate in the Democratic tent at Payne-av N. E. and E. 19th-st.

Plans for the debate were completed yesterday. Mr. Witt is to lead off with a 45-minute speech, and Mr. Norton will follow with a speech of fifty minutes. The administration candidate then will have fifteen minutes and Mr. Norton ten minutes for rebuttal.

Mr. Witt has no speaking engagements the remainder of the week until Saturday evening, when the Democratic tent, pitched for the first time this year, will attract the first open-air campaign crowd to the W. 38th-st playgrounds.

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A lively political start for next week was forcasted yesterday when the Builders Exchange, through Secretary E. A. Roberts, invited Mayoralty Candidates Witt, Davis, Norton and Salen to speak at a noon luncheon Monday in the exchange headquarters, Chamber of Commerce building.

Mr. Roberts announced that each of the four personally had promised to attend.

The meeting will be for members of the exchange only, as no larger crowd could be handled in the organization's rooms. As it is, it is expected the quarters will be filled to capacity.

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This is the second day of registration.

Booths will be open in the precincts from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. and from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m., Cleveland time.

Last Thursday's registration broke the records for first day attendance at the booths, the total of men being 36,647 and of women 1,031.

Another heavy registration is predicted for today. The second day total of men prior to the municipal election of 1913 was 26,879, and a year ago it was 32,614. It is believed the figures for today may surpass those of 1914.

All voters must register anew this year. Women must register to vote for the school board.

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A new note in the campaign was struck yesterday when J. B. Vining, formerly commissioner of charities and corrections under Mayor Newton D. Baker, began a book canvass of the city to sell Tom L. Johnson's autobiography, "My Story," as an aid to the Witt campaign.

"It's a labor of love and my contribution," said Mr. Vining. "I want the people of Cleveland to read of the things Tom stood and for what he had to say about Pete."

Yesterday Mr. Vining broke into the front rank of the book agent class, for he sold thirty copies, but declared he would not be satisfied until he sold fifty a day. The books are a memorial edition and sell at $1.

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Carl F. Wetzel, candidate for council in Ward 24, as part of his promise to the ward if elected proposes if named to council to establish a public office as councilman at E. 105th-st and St. Clair-av N. E. to take care of the people's business.

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William V. Backus, candidate for chief justice of municipal court, has been invited to speak before the Workingmen's Social and Literary club at Teutonia hall, Scovill-av S. E. this evening.

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UNITE CITY AND COUNTY, URGES DAVIS' PLEDGE

G.O.P. Candidate Opens Campaign With His "Platform."

PROMISES ECONOMY

Witt Called "Political Parasite" Whose Campaign Method Is Disgrace.

Consolidation of municipal and county governments and the making of Cleveland into a county with one set of officers are advocated by Harry L. Davis in the platform promulgated by him as a candidate for mayor.

In other platform planks in what he terms his pledges to the people of Cleveland, Davis declares for rigid economy in city affairs; strict regulation and control of public utilities as opposed to municipal purchase and operation; the creation of small parks in congested districts; city control of water front development; a continuous audit of municipal business, and the election of the director of accounts.

Economy Pledged.

Davis promised to give an economical, nonpartisan administration if elected. He declared he sought the office of mayor because he believed he could "do some good for the people of Cleveland and aspired to no higher political honors."

The presentation of the platform before 200 members of the candidate's campaign committee and 100 other supporters at a meeting in the Alley Club, in E. 3d st., marked the opening of the Davis speaking campaign.

It was announced the Davis campaign fund lacked only $2,000 of enough to carry out all activities planned by his supporters. Pierre A. White, in speaking of the fund, declared it was collected mostly in small contributions, and stated Davis would go into office "without the aid of any interests that might expect to profit by his election."

Enthusiasm Shown.

Davis and speakers who preceded him were enthusiastically received. The denunciation of Peter Witt's campaign methods as a "shame and a disgrace to any self-respecting community" brought cheers from the audience.

White, in speaking of Witt, termed him a "political parasite," whose principal claim to any fame at all was his ability to "sling mud and shoot hot air." He compared Witt's campaign methods to those of "a second-story worker" and denounced him as "a two by four, half-penny politician, who spoke good of no one and bad of everyone who didn't agree with him."

"The Democratic organization had to swallow Witt's candidacy," said White. "He rammed it down their throats and they took it with the same grace that a child takes a dose of castor oil.

"One of the principal issues in this campaign is getting rid of this political parasite, whose campaign methods are a shame and disgrace to the self-respecting citizens of Cleveland.

Witt's Place on Stage.

"Witt should be on the vaudeville stage. I would just as soon see him as Eddie Foy or Eva Tanguay. He had the right idea when he hired the Hippodrome and debated with himself and lost. His place is on the stage, where he won't be taken seriously, instead of being a candidate for the highest office in the gift of the people of Cleveland."

White declared Witt was the logical man to carry out the predictions of P. T. Barnum, the late showman, that the "people like to be fooled." He declared Cleveland Railway Company officials, whom Witt denounced along with former Mayor Johnson before he "sold out his principles to the latter," would support Witt, because under the latter's administration as traction commissioner they had been allowed to issue enough bonds for "fancy improvements" to force a raise in street car fare.

Councilman FitzGerald declared the Democratic organization was making a dynasty out of the mayor's office. He said the "scepter had been handed down from one Democrat to the other until it came to 'heir-apparent' Witt, who would never receive it."

He suggested that Witt join former Secretary of State Bryan on the Chautauqua circuit, where his "eccentricities would be appreciated."

"Witt cannot ride into office by waving the shroud of Tom L. Johnson above his head to attract votes," said FitzGerald. "We must elect a man who will substitute work for gab. That man is Harry L. Davis. He is entitled to Republican support because it was his political strength that broke the Democratic grip six years ago."

Councilman Gahn reiterated his challenge to physical combat with Witt, originally made in the council chamber during a debate, and called the Democratic candidate a "coward" and "mud-slinger." He said the East End of the city was for Davis for mayor, and declared test votes had proven it.

Davis prefaced his platform announcement by thanking his committee for their support and loyalty. He said that while Witt had announced a "skinning" for last Tuesday night, the "real skinning" would take place the first Tuesday in November, when "every inch of Witt's hide will be taken off."

Other speakers were Lamar T. Beman, of the East High school faculty, who acted as chairman, W. J. Hart and former Sheriff Hirstius.

Mr. Davis' platform in part follows:

FINANCES.

Under present methods of administration, the cost of government is steadily increasing, while the public debt is assuming alarming proportions. If elected I will follow a policy of rigid economy which will conserve the financial resources of the city and prevent necessity for further deficiency bond issues.

CONSOLIDATION OF GOVERNMENTS.

Second only in importance to public economy is the question of securing additional money for public needs without increasing the tax rate or mortgaging the future by issuing bonds.

For this purpose I propose consolidation of the city and county governments by erecting the city of Cleveland into a new county and placing upon its officers the duties now performed by county officials. This plan can be accomplished through simple legislative enactment and will make available for the city tax payer for use for city purposes over $1,000,000 annually, now paid for support of the county government.

STREETS AND PAVING.

The condition of the pavement of our city streets, and especially on main thoroughfares, has been the subject of much justifi-

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able criticism. As mayor of Cleveland I pledge myself to give this important municipal function the consideration it properly deserves and to place this department under control of a high class engineer.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Under present city financial conditions I favor strict regulation and control of privately owned public utilities rather than municipal purchase and operation.

In this connection I cite the municipal light plant which has cost the tax payers nearly $3,000,000, the bonds for which are now a lien against the tax revenue of the city.

The practice followed by the present administration of using surplus waterworks funds for purposes not connected with the waterworks department should not be tolerated. Profits from this department should be used solely toward the reduction of water rates. I advocate furnishing water to all consumers at actual cost.

Three-cent fare should be maintained within the terms and spirit of the Tayler grant.

PARKS IN CONGESTED DISTRICTS.

Small parks and playgrounds are an absolute necessity. It is desirable that they be established in every congested part of the city so that the people may have breathing places near their homes.

RIVER AND HARBOR.

Cleveland's lake front should be conserved for the interests of the public in a more careful manner.

AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS.

There is grave need for more thorough supervision of public business.

I unqualifiedly insist upon compliance with the neglected requirement of our charter for a continuous audit. I favor an amendment to the city charter providing for an elected director of finance, who under our present system perform the functions of auditor.

CLEAN SPORTS.

The further development of athletics and clean sport recreation should be encouraged.

I believe in public policies that experience has shown will not interfere with normal business conditions, but will continue prosperity and foster commercial activities.

In so far as is possible I will, as mayor, work to create local conditions so that labor will have good and steady employment and capital a fair return on its investment.

Russell Johnson was named secretary of the Davis campaign committee, while Davis announced that he would act as his own chairman. Five subcommittees of the general committee were named to take charge of various activities. These subcommittees and their chairmen are:

Organization—Judge Fielder Sanders.
Finance—H. W. Brandt.
Labor organization—J. W. Hart.
Speakers—H. G. Schaibly.
Publicity—W. H. Thomas.

BAKER'S METHODS HIT BY NORTON

Filtration Plant and System of Garbage Disposal Draw Candidate's Fire.

The city's new filtration plant and methods of disposing of garbage drew the fire of Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, last night when he spoke before 200 members of the Fifth Ward Republican Club. He also rapped the Baker administration's methods of handling city finance.

"The intercepting sewer which I helped start has never been finished," he said. "Instead, we have a filtration plant to take the filth out of the lake after we have dumped it in. And the contractors who put up the plant received a $65,000 bonus for completing it on time. Although the plant has been up but a short time there is a crack, in places two feet wide, running the length of the floor and into the walls of the plant."

Norton scored the administration for importing garbage from Detroit to experiment on here. He declared Director of Service Sidlo boasted of the garbage experiments at a meeting of West Side business men recently.

Frederick P. Walthers and Victor J. Conrad, candidates for municipal judge, and William Delaney, candidate for councilman, were the other speakers.

CANDIDATES TO THROW ON HIGH SPEED MONDAY

Spellbinders Will Be Out in Force; Davis' Speaking Schedule for Two Weeks to Be Planned Today.

TODAY'S POLITICAL CALENDAR

Davis meetings, evening—Dukat hall, Sackett ave. and W. 31st st.; Lincoln Heights Republican Club, Auburn ave. and W. 14th st.; Sixth Ward Republican Club, W. 25th st. and Denison ave.; speakers, Harry L. Davis and others.

Sixteenth Ward Willis Republican Club, evening—Ivan's hall, E. 92d st. and Broadway.

Democratic organization meetings, evening—Silvestro's hall, Fairmount and Woodhill rds.; speakers, Joseph Hostetler and others; Herman's hall, Vega ave., speakers, Arthur Young, Peter Henry and others.

Salen meeting, evening — Thirteenth Ward Salen Nonpartisan Club, Vaclav Brom hall, 5300 Hamm ave.; speakers, Charles P. Salen, Herbert Jones and others.

Socialist meetings, evening—Woodland ave. and E. 40th st., speaker, C. E. Ruthenberg; Kinsman rd. and E. 71st st., speaker, Tom Clifford; Madison ave. and W. 98th st., speaker, Joseph E. Robb.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Political spell-binding will be at the front in Cleveland next week when the speaking campaigns of candidates for municipal office will be started in earnest.

Plans for a two weeks' speaking campaign will be made today by the committee appointed last night to look after the details of Harry L. Davis' canvass for the office of mayor. Davis, who will be the chairman of his general committee and manage his own campaign, will meet with the departmental committees during the day at his headquarters, 714 Schofield building. It is expected that several meetings will be held every night beginning next Monday and continuing until November 1.

Davis, however, will not wait until next week to start his stumping tour of the wards. Tonight he will speak at meetings in the fifth, sixth and seventh wards. At the 6th ward meeting in the hall of the Woodmen of the World, Councilman Clayton Towns and M. C. Portman will speak with him.

Tomorrow night Davis will address the Eagle Republican Club in its rooms on Hamm ave., near Broadway. Sunday he will attend the clambake of the Cleveland Republican Club in its park in Linndale. He will speak also at Malaska's hall, Central ave. and Ontario st., at 3:30 p. m. and to the Slavish-American Club at Stoke's hall in the evening.

Miner G. Norton, the other Republican aspirant for mayor, will be the last of the candidates for city executive to start his campaign on the stump. Announcement of his plans for the campaign will likely be deferred until after his debate with Peter Witt next Monday.

While Peter Witt, the Democratic organization candidate for mayor, has declined to speak at ward meetings until after tomorrow night, when he opens his West Side campaign in a tent on W. 38th st., opposite Siam ave., plans have been made to keep him talking all of next week.

From Tuesday until Friday, both included, he will address tent meetings on the West Side. On Monday he will debate with Norton in a tent pitched on Payne ave. and on the Saturday following his caravan will return to the East Side for a week's engagement.

Charles P. Salen goes into the thirteenth ward tonight to address one of the few open meetings he has thus far held. The thirteenth ward is looked upon as good fighting ground because of alleged disaffection in the ranks of the Democratic organization there over the indorsement of Councilman Votava for re-election by the Democratic executive committee. The plans for Salen meetings next week have not been completed.

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Speakers at the meeting of the Tippecanoe Club tomorrow evening will discuss the question of what can be done for the unification of the Republican party in Cleveland. It is not purposed that the discussion will have to do with the present local campaign but with the future of the Republican party. One thousand post cards asking present and former members of the club to attend were mailed last night by the club.

William H. Boyd, John A. Cline, Francis W. Treadway, Harry L. Vail, Paul Howland, James B. Ruhl, W. L. David, Professor M. M. Curtis and others are on the list of speakers. The ex-presidents of the club, old officers and members will be called upon to tell of the organization in former years. A cabaret entertainment has been arranged by the committee.

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All candidates for mayor are to be quizzed by a committee of the Industrial Association of Cleveland. Secretary Edward Hobday has sent letters to the mayoralty candidates asking them to confer with a subcommittee of the executive committee of the association on matters pertaining to their respective candidates.

The same questions, it is understood, will have to do with his attitude toward legitimate business enterprise, law enforcement and kindred subjects. The association numbers in its membership about 625 manufacturers and men engaged in mercantile pursuits.

SALEN ASKS HELP OF LIQUOR DEALERS IN MAYOR BATTLE

Candidate in Letter to Saloon Men, Writes 'Stick to Those Who Have Always Been Your Friends.'

Writer Declares He Has Always Been on Side of Liberals and Again Charges Coterie Control.

DEMANDS BAR OWNERS ASSERT THEIR LIBERTY

League Official Denies Candidate Betrayed Tom L. Johnson.

Charles P. Salen is making a direct request, in personal letters bearing his signature, for support of Cleveland saloonkeepers in his campaign for mayor.

"Stick to those who have always been your friends and to whom you can come with your troubles when they are in office."

That is Mr. Salen's invitation to saloonkeepers of the city, and the paragraph summarizes the contents of the letters, which were in the hands of saloonkeepers yesterday. The letters conclude:

"I would certainly appreciate your support."

Mr. Salen, when asked yesterday afternoon how many of the letters had been sent out, said their distribution was "quite general."

Wants Position Understood.

"I wanted them to understand clearly my position," he said. "My attitude was being misrepresented by the coterie to which I refer in the letters. A number of the saloonkeepers in Cleveland speak foreign languages, and those were the ones particularly to whom representations were being made that I was dry.

"The letters simply substantiate the stand I take in my contract."

In the letters Mr. Salen emphasizes that he is and always has been with the liberals on the wet and dry issue. He refers to a "coterie" which he charges seeks to control the saloon business for its own purposes, his campaign contract including charges of the same sort.

Here is the contents of the letters sent saloonkeepers by the candidate for mayor:

> It is scarcely necessary for me to state that my position on the wet and dry question is, as it always has been, with the liberal side, not because I am a candidate for mayor, but because by training and belief it could not be otherwise.

Refers to Yoke.

Recent legislation and severity

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of regulation have imposed many hardships upon you. Much of this is the direct result of the mismanagement of the little coterie of men that assumes to lead the saloon interests, dictate their politics and place a yoke upon them.

Isn't it about time to assert your independence, do your own thinking, and not allow yourself to be bossed by those who only seek to feather their own nests?

You will certainly be better off in the long run.

Stick to those who have always been your friends and to whom you can come with your troubles when they are in office.

I would certainly appreciate your support.

Yours truly,
CHARLES P. SALEN.

In behalf of Deputy Tax Commissioner Salen, John P. Smith, chairman of the executive committee of the Salen Nonpartisan league, yesterday undertook to refute the statement made by Peter Witt, administration candidate, Tuesday night, that Mr. Salen betrayed Tom L. Johnson in 1904 at the Democratic state convention at Columbus, which picked delegates at large to the national party convention at St. Louis.

Asserting he was a member of the Cuyahoga county delegation at the Columbus convention, Mr. Smith made this statement:

In reference to the so-called betrayal of Tom Johnson by Charles P. Salen, at the convention in Columbus, in 1904, I, as a member of that Cuyahoga delegation, desire to correct the statement made by Peter Witt.

At that convention Mr. Johnson absolutely refused to have his name considered as a delegate-at-large to Democratic national convention but proposed the name of Mr. Girard of Cincinnati, a single taxer, unknown in Democratic politics. The Cuyahoga delegation proposed the name of Charles P. Salen. Mr. Johnson immediately objected, whereupon a discussion arose. Mr. Johnson then called the Cuyahoga delegation to one corner of the convention hall and requested us not to propose the name of Salen, but to indorse Mr. Girard.

After his talk Mr. Johnson asked all those in favor of Mr. Salen to step to one side and those against him step to the other. The vote was about two to one in favor of Mr. Salen.

The name of Mr. Salen was proposed and he was elected one of the four delegates to the Democratic national convention.

Mr. Salen, himself, from the time the discussion arose until after his election, was not present in the convention hall.

I submit this as a true statement of what transpired at that convention.

DAVIS WOULD JOIN COUNTY TO CITY TO PREVENT DEFICITS

Mayoralty Candidate in Platform Advocates Remaking Cuyahoga Into Greater Cleveland.

Witt is Called 'Mud Slinger,' 'Overpaid Vaudeville Artist;' His Name Linked With Bryan.

FITZGERALD SPEAKS OF DEMOCRATIC DYNASTY

Says Rattling Tom L. Johnson's Bones Won't Avail in Campaign.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Harry L. Davis last night announced a campaign platform proposing consolidation of the city and county governments by establishing Cleveland as a new county, to make available for city purposes money now paid over to the county.

The platform was issued at a meeting in the Alley club, E. 3d-st, which marked the launching of the candidate's campaign for mayor.

By his suggested consolidation of governments, Mr. Davis says he would answer the question of obtaining additional money for public needs without increasing the tax rate or issuing bonds. The platform calls the conditions of public finances the greatest problem confronting Cleveland.

Incidental to the opening of Mr. Davis' second fight for mayor was the christening of Peter Witt by his opponents with a batch of new names.

Call Witt 'Mud Slinger.'

Every speaker swung right and left at the street railway commissioner and administration candidate. He was accused of having no asset but "mud-slinging."

Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, minority floor leader in council, declared Mr. Witt every two years came out "with an inferior burlesque which might properly be called 'Bunk.'"

"I think he is one of the most overpaid vaudeville artists on the American stage," said Mr. FitzGerald. "Confidentially speaking, the performance is not worth the price of admission. I think the team of Bryan & Witt would be a great drawing card."

The councilman declared the city has been ruled by a "Democratic dynasty which looks on public office as a combination of health, life and accident insurance." He said the "scepter" had been handed to "heir-apparent Baker," that "heir-apparent Witt" was in training and that after them he supposed they'd have "heir-apparent Haserodt or heir-presumptive Sidlo."

Calls 'Graveyard Time' Past.

"This time," he cried, "it will not avail them to bring out the shroud of Tom L. Johnson and wave it 'round as an attraction for votes. It is time the man selected to rule over this city gets beyond the graveyard and the rattling of a dead man's bones and comes out squarely upon an honest platform, not on the dim and vague record of the past."

Pierre A. White, another speaker, said Mr. Davis, "without the aid of the check books of big interests," had within $2,000 of sufficient money to conduct his campaign, and that he would make the fight "without a rope around his neck." He declared Mr. Davis would take office "not owing anything to anybody."

Mr. White asked, "Who is this Witt? Where did he come from—and why?" He accused President John J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. of being for Mr. Witt because he wanted three-cent fare to fail, that the idea of low fare might not spread and affect other parts of the country where the speaker said Mr. Stanley has railroad interests.

Mr. White charged that Mr. Witt "is fitting exactly into Mr. Stanley's schemes." He paid his compliments to Mr. Witt by calling him a "two by four, half-penny politician," and said he would "just as soon see and hear Pete as Eddie Foy or Eva Tanguay, or any good attraction."

"He and Baker," said Mr. White, "are going along claiming credit for everything from the increased birthrate to the bend in the Cuyahoga river."

Councilman Alex Bernstein predicted election of Mr. Davis and said "the Republicans in council have been the real nonpartisans, while the Democratic members have been bitter partisans."

Councilman Harry C. Gahn said Mr. Davis would carry the East End, and called Peter Witt a "coward" for not having taken up his (Gahn's) challenge to "have it out somewhere else" the night Mr. Witt assailed the councilman at a council meeting.

Lamar T. Beman presided at the meeting. W. J. Hart and A. J. Hirstius, former sheriff, were called on to speak. Candidate Davis announced he would be his own committee chairman and head his own fight.

Just before announcing his platform, Mr. Davis said there was one candidate who "each night is telling how he'll skin another candidate the next night."

"The skinning will be Nov. 2," he said, "and the people will take every inch of hide off this same candidate."

The Davis platform strikes about the same note as to "rigid economy" in expenditure of public funds that Mr. Davis emphasized in his fight in 1913.

This is what the candidate has to say, after pledging economy if elected, on the consolidation of the city and county governments:

> Second only in importance to public economy is the question of securing additional money for public needs without increasing the tax rate or mortgaging the future by issuing bonds.
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> For this purpose I propose consolidation of the city and county governments by erecting the city of Cleveland into a new county, and placing upon its officers the duties now performed by county officials. This plan can be accomplished through simple legislative enactment, and will make available for the city taxpayer for use for city purposes, over $1,000,000 annually, now paid for support of the county government.

Under the head of "efficient public service," Mr. Davis says he reiterates his "belief that clean and well paved streets, adequate fire and police protection, pure water, well managed public institutions and places of recreation, prompt and thorough service, and value for every dollar spent are the essence of sound municipal government."

Calling the present condition of city pavements "deplorable," Mr. Davis proposes a rearrangement of the division of engineering and the street repair department, and promises, if elected, "to place this department under control of a high-class engineer."

Mr. Davis advocates "strict regulation and control" of privately owned public utilities rather than municipal ownership. In this connection he assails the work of the municipal light plant, charging there is in effect a "policy of undue discrimination in favor of the large consumer of power." He advocates "furnishing water to all consumers at cost."

Regarding street railways, Mr. Davis says: "Three-cent fare should be maintained within the terms and spirit of the Tayler grant. The last raise in fare and a further increase now threatened could, in my opinion, have been avoided by closer supervision of expenditures by the street railway company." This was accepted as a shot at Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor.

Mr. Davis repeated his stand already announced of favoring small parks in congested districts and proposes a "comprehensive plan" to carry out this idea if elected.

For the purpose, the platform says, of conserving the lake front "for the interests of the public in a more careful manner," Mr. Davis proposes a governmental river and harbor division.

The candidate says he "unqualifiedly insists" upon 'compliance with the neglected requirement of our charter for a continuous audit" of city books. He reiterates his advocacy of an amendment to the charter for an elective director of finance. The director now is appointed by the mayor.

His other aims Mr. Davis explains as follows:

> The further development of athletics and clean sport recreation should be encouraged.
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> I believe in public policies that experience has shown will not interfere with normal business conditions, but will continue prosperity and foster commercial activities.
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> In so far as is possible I will, as mayor, work to create local conditions so that labor will have good and steady employment and capital a fair return on its investment.
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> Within the ensuing two years many of our municipal problems will demand solution. To decide them wisely will require all that any individual may possess of ability, patience and courage.
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> In place of personal ambition and future preferment, the executive must, if he is wise and honest, substitute real service; a service that will conserve public finances, lessen the burden of the worker, the home owner and taxpayer and make possible that unretarded progress and prosperity which is the birthright of our great city.
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> To the fulfillment of these tasks, with unselfish fidelity I pledge myself if elected.

These chairmen of committees were announced at the meeting: General organization, Judge Fielder Sanders; publicity, W. H. Thomas; labor organization, J. W. Hart, president of the Cleveland Federation of Labor; finance, H. W. Brandt; speakers, H. G. Schaibly.

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3-CENT LIGHT IS "PIZEN" TO HARRY DAVIS

Candidate Swings Hard His Hammer on Muny Ownership —He's for Private Kind.

NOW AS TO MUD-SLINGING

Harry's Boys Call Pete Witt Coward, Mad Bull, Second-Story Worker, Parasite.

Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, was flatly on record Friday as opposed to municipal ownership of public utilities.

The muny light plant has reduced electric light rates from 10 cents to 3 cents for many citizens, and according to Pete Witt will eventually provide 3-cent light for all citizens.

Davis announced his position in his platform given Thursday night at the Alley club.

What Davis Says.

Here is what Davis says upon the subject of 3-cent light:

"Under present city financial conditions, I favor strict regulation and control of privately owned public utilities rather than municipal purchase and operation.

"In this connection I cite the municipal light plant, which has cost the taxpayers nearly three millions of dollars, the bonds for which are now a lien against the tax revenue of the city. It was established with a view to furnishing the public with cheap light and power for domestic purposes. It should be conducted in the interest of the home owner and tax payer. The present policy of undue discrimination in favor of the large consumer of power is indefensible.

"I favor the removal of the plant from politics and its operation on a self-supporting basis."

They Hop On Pete.

The announcing of the platform was the formal opening of Davis' campaign. Four speakers hopped upon Pete Witt with both feet. They called him a "mud-slinger." And here are a few other things they said:

Councilman Gahn: Witt is a mud-slinger and a mad Jersey bull in a pasture field. He's a coward because he declined my challenge to "have it out" after he called me a "damned fool" and a "liar" in council meeting several weeks ago.

Lamar T. Beman, chairman of the meeting: Witt is a scandal-monger and a mud-flinger.

Councilman FitzGerald: Gabber! Heir apparent to the throne. Cheap burlesque actor not worth the price of admission.

Pierre, How Can You?

Attorney Pierre A. White: People are afraid of Pete Witt just the same as they are afraid of a second-story worker. He's the worst political parasite that ever fed on the people of Cleveland. He's a two-by-four, half-penny politician who never earned a decent dollar in his life; an incompetent milker who ought to be kicked into the gutter with the rest of the city hall crowd.

Each speaker stated: "I am opposed to mud-slinging; I do not believe in it! BUT—"

Davis allowed himself a brief introduction, then confined himself to the issues he made public in his platform.

Davis Promises Economy.

"Peter Witt is telling each night how he's going to skin some other candidate alive the next night," said Davis. "But the main skinning will take place on Nov. 2, when the people of Cleveland will take every bit of hide off the skinner."

Davis' platform is made up largely of questions he made issues in his campaign against Mayor Baker two years ago.

Second only to a policy of economy "that will prevent the necessity for further deficiency bond issues," he makes his proposal to consolidate the city and county governments to obtain more money without increasing the tax rate.

Davis would do this "by erecting the city into a new county and placing upon its officers the duties now performed by county officials. This plan will make available for the city taxpayer for city use over $1,000,000 annually now paid for the support of the county government."

Three-cent fare should be maintained, Davis said, "by closer supervision of street railway expenditures."

He came out for small parks in thickly-settled districts; city control of the lakefront from the Cuyahoga river to Gordon park by a city street and muny railroad along the coast; a continuous audit of city finances; further development of athletics and recreation; cleaner, better paved and lighted streets and more police and fire protection.

Calls Him Heir-Apparent.

FitzGerald drew long applause by his statement that "the democratic dynasty is threatening the republican form of government.

"Tom Johnson handed the throne to heir-apparent Baker, who is now helping to prime heir-apparent Witt to succeed him; Crown Prince Haserodt (county clerk) is next in line, and then heir-presumptive Sidlo (service director)."

Fitzgerald asserted also:

"This time it won't avail them to bring out the shroud of Tom L. Johnson and wave it around as an attraction for votes. It's time we got away from the cemetery and quit rattling dead men's bones."

Councilman Bernstein said the majority of councilmen are never allowed to vote for themselves, but are directed to by the mayor.

Beman called civil service as it is now administered "a mockery."

White said John Stanley, Concon president, is for Witt because Witt has permitted the railway company to make such large expenditures that three-cent fare is menaced.

White asserted that "Mayor Baker and Witt claim credit for everything from the increased birth rate to the bend in the Cuyahoga river."

Pete Witt said Friday that Davis' plan to unite the city and county governments is not a new one.

"It has been advocated all over the country for years," he added. "The time is coming when the county government will disap-

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DAVIS MONEY ALL COVERED

Witt Bettors Gobble Up $60 to $100 Odds.

Bets of $60 to $100 were posted Friday that Harry Davis would be elected mayor. The short end was taken in every case by Witt men.

More than $8000 Davis money was covered Friday.

Latest bets are:

100 to 80 Witt will win;

100 even that Witt will receive more first choice votes than any other candidate;

100 even that Witt will not receive 40,000 first choice votes;

50 even that Davis will not receive 36,000 first choice votes;

100 even that Charles P. Salen will not receive 14,000 first choice votes;

50 even that Salen will receive more second choice votes than Witt;

60 to 100 that Davis will win.

DEMANDS WITT PROVE CHARGES

Charles P. Salen, in his mayoralty fight, was concerned in two things Friday.

The first was the announcement of Robert C. Mitchell, treasurer of Salen's campaign fund, that he would donate $1000 to the newsboys' protective association if Peter Witt would prove his charge that Dan R. Hanna is financing the Salen campaign.

The second was the outcome of Salen's letter to saloonkeepers asking them to support him.

"Witt is reported to have stated that Dan Hanna induced Salen to enter the race and that Hanna is financing the Salen campaign," said Mitchell. "I have deposited my own personal certified check for $1000 at the City national bank, authorizing the bank to pay this money to the newsboys' protective association if Witt proves his charge before election."

"It's a cheap bluff," said Witt.

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DAVIS'D MAKE COUNTY A CITY

There are several points in the platform of Harry L. Davis, one of the Republican candidates for mayor, that will give his Republican opponent, Miner G. Norton, campaign material, Norton said Friday. Norton, however, isn't going to talk about the Davis platform until he gets on the stump.

In his platform, announced at a meeting Tuesday night at the Alley Club, E. 3d st., Davis declares for joining the city and county to increase revenues without increasing taxes; maintenance of three-cent fare; further development of athletics; steady employment for workers; conservation of city finances.

At the Davis meeting, Peter Witt, Democratic organization candidate for mayor, was attacked by every speaker. His campaign speeches were called "bunk" and "vaudeville entertainments."

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Norton

NORTON'S FRIENDS TO MEET TONIGHT

Partial Showdown of Candidates' Strength Expected.

A partial showdown of the character and volume of support for Miner G. Norton's candidacy for mayor may be expected tonight when men interested in his success at the polls will hold a conference called for his office at 8 o'clock.

It is expected that those who attend the conference will make report as to what they have learned by inquiry regarding the popularity of the Norton candidacy. Suggestions may be made also regarding plans for the prosecution of his campaign.

To this time Norton has conducted a more quiet campaign than any of the candidates to whom he is opposed. That he has not been idle, however, he admits, and the first results of his "gumshoe" cavass may be made public tonight.

Norton will not complete his campaign plans until after his debate with Peter Witt Monday night. Tuesday he will be in Toledo on personal business and it may be late in the week before he will take the stump regularly.

Witt

OLD 'BIG TOP' OUT FOR WITT OPENER

Candidate Makes His First Speech Under Canvas on West Side Tonight.

The old Democratic tent will be pitched tonight at W. 38th st., opposite Siam ave., for the opening of Peter Witt's talking campaign under canvas.

The Tom L. Johnson fountain in Library park occupies the site on which the tent was pitched in past years for the opening of Democratic campaigns. Superstitious Democrats insisted that for Democrats to win the first tent meeting must be held in Library park. The nearest available vacant space to Library park that could be found this year is on W. 38th st.

Judge Clarke to Preside.

United States District Judge John H. Clarke, sometimes mentioned as a possibility for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1916, is to be chairman of tonight's meeting. He will make the opening speech and will be followed by Mayor Baker. Peter Witt, the Democratic organization candidate for mayor, will be the last speaker of the evening.

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Candidate Witt was not on the stump last night, but three meetings in behalf of his candidacy were held. Joseph Hostetler, assistant city solicitor, delivered the principal address at a Nineteenth ward rally in Silvestra's hall, Fairmount and Woodhill rds.

Henry Talks in Fifth Ward.

At Herman's hall in Vega ave., in the Fifth ward, the speakers were Peter Henry, candidate for re-election as municipal court clerk, and Arthur Young. A meeting was held also by the Tom L. Johnson Club of the Sixth ward, at 3745 W. 25th st.

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Ward leaders of the Democratic organization will meet at noon today at Democratic headquarters, Engineers building. Martin Thumm will give them instructions relative to the assignment of speakers for ward meetings and the distribution of literature advertising meetings and boosting the Witt candidacy.

Salen

SALEN HITS CITY'S ATTACK ON CLUBS

Candidate's Ward Leaders to Confer Tonight on Building Precinct Organizations.

The attitude of the present city administration toward clubs and lodges in regard to the Sunday liquor law was scored by Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, in a speech before the Salen non-partisan club, 5300 Hamm ave., last night. Fully three hundred men and women shouted their approval.

"When I think of the effort to destroy these privileges of mankind that is being made by the city hall officials I say the time has come for a change," Salen said. He followed this remark with the assurance that if he were elected the clubs would be unmolested. He insisted that sewage disposal and a lower water rate was a bigger issue than municipal light.

W. S. Whitehead, who preceded Salen, accused Peter Witt of being backed by President Stanley, of the Cleveland Railway Company. "Stanley and Witt are trying to unload the street railway on the city at a big price," he said.

Clarence Jones, candidate for municipal judge, was another speaker.

Ward leaders of Salen's organization will meet tonight with the members of the Salen league executive committee.

The leaders will receive instructions relative to the selection of precinct captains and the forming of ward and precinct organizations.

Salen will outline his campaign plans to the ward leaders, and they will be told what they are expected to do toward getting out a full registration and voters to the polls on election day.

A conference of the speakers who will later take the stump for Salen was held at his headquarters, 322 W. Superior ave., yesterday afternoon.

Davis

STREET RALLIES IN DAVIS' CAMPAIGN

Candidate to Speak From Auto; Has Busy Evening With Friends.

Street corner meetings are to be a feature of the campaign of Harry L. Davis for mayor.

This was decided yesterday afternoon at a conference of the candidate with his speakers' committee and the chairman of his other committees.

The Davis street rallies will be different from the "cart-tail" meetings common in Cleveland campaigns two decades ago in that he will speak from an automobile rather than from the rear end of a wagon backed against the curb. The plan is to have a spellbinder in an automobile run ahead of Davis, draw a crowd and herald the candidate's approach.

On the arrival of Davis the pilot talker will move on to another corner and gather another crowd.

Tent Meetings, Too.

At yesterday's conference it was decided to have tent meetings the last seven days of the campaign. Beginning next week, Davis will hold a series of house meetings, most of them in the East End, in addition to hall rallies that will be held nightly during the campaign.

Arrangements are to be made, also, for a series of shop and noon meetings at which the candidate will speak to workingmen.

The conferees decided that the finance committee will have a small office of its own, not directly connected with the Davis headquarters. The room will be in charge of a secretary.

Ward Leaders to Meet Monday.

Next Monday the Davis ward leaders are to meet in the assembly hall on the fourth floor of the Schofield building and arrange for meetings during the week of precinct captains. Beginning Tuesday the precinct men from five wards will meet each night until all have been called in. These meetings will be in charge of Judge Fielder Sanders.

Davis spoke at three meetings last night urging audiences of men at each place to give him their votes for mayor, declaring that the election of a Republican will help the Republican party in the presidential campaign in 1916.

"By all means, let us leave no stone unturned in putting the Republican party in power before the close of the war," he said. "There there will be a period of reconstruction and the Republican tariff will be needed to protect the American workman.

Too Much Attention to Frills.

"Too much attention has been paid to frills and feathers and not enough to the necessary things. If you elect me what the people want will be done, and not what those in the city hall want."

Davis spoke at the Sixth Ward Republican Club, the Lincoln Heights Republican Club and a meeting in precinct A of ward twelve. At none of the meetings did he mention the name of a rival candidate.

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CLUB IN 8TH VOTES TO SUPPORT DAVIS

Republicans in Norton's Own Ward Switch Allegiance as Tumult Reigns.

Witt at Opening of Meetings in Tent Tonight Promises Fight.

At the end of a stormy debate precipitated by an address by Minor G. Norton, candidate for mayor, and while Mr. Norton was still in the room, the Eighth Ward Republican club last night voted to indorse Harry L. Davis for mayor. Mr. Norton lives in the eighth ward and has been a member of the club many years.

After the meeting, which did not break up until nearly midnight and until the lights were turned out on the crowd, W. C. Bracken, a Norton supporter, claimed the vote was unfair and that but twenty of seventy who are said to have voted, are bona fide members of the club. Davis supporters claimed the vote was about 6 to 1 in favor of their candidate.

According to Mr. Bracken the club has but eleven paid members. He named them as Mr. Norton, W. J. Hart, Richard Fergus, Joseph Riley, Bernard Masterson, Ladd Krecji, Daniel Sullivan, president; Martin Friel, treasurer; Mr. Bracken, Patrick Hays and former Councilman Burke.

Mr. Bracken pointed out that Mr. Hayes, who made the original Davis indorsement motion last week when Candidate Davis addressed the club, last night tried to have the motion laid over until next week, claiming not all the members were present. According to Mr. Bracken, the Norton supporters went home early, thinking no action would be taken until next week. The motion had already been laid over a week.

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The tent meetings of Peter Witt start tonight when canvas will be spread on the W. 38th-st playground, opposite Siam-av S. W. Tonight the fight which has been conducted indoors by Peter Witt will be transferred to the open air and will be kept there for the remainder of the campaign.

Tonight's meeting will be presided over by Judge John H. Clarke of the United States district court. Mayor Newton D. Baker will speak with Mr. Witt.

Peter Witt has had nothing to say regarding the charges made at the Davis meeting Thursday night.

"We will take them up at the meeting Saturday night and then in the debate on Monday night," Mr. Witt said.

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The first two registration days indicate there will be a greater number of voters at this election than ever before. Last fall 108,675 registered.

The total registration for the first two days was 68,943 against 62,614 for the corresponding days last year. The number of women registered so far this year is 2,773. For the first two days last year the number was 127.

Thursday's registration was 32,294, of whom 1,742 were women.

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The Tippecanoe club tonight will hold a meeting at which old members of the club will discuss the present, past and future of the Republican party in Cleveland. It was announced the meeting would be preliminary to the Republican campaign a year hence.

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Charges made by Peter Witt that Dan R. Hanna is back of the campaign of Charles P. Salen met with a denial from R. C. Mitchell, one of Mr. Salen's managers, last night.

"I will deposit my personal check in the City National bank authorizing the bank to pay the Newsboys' Protective association if Witt proves that Mr. Hanna is back of Salen," said Mr. Mitchell.

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At a meeting of the Eleventh Ward Improvement club at the residence of Abner Jacobson, 2425 E. 43d-st, last night a committee of twenty-five was named to promote the councilmanic candidacy of M. M. Gelfand in the Eleventh ward. Mr. Gelfand was a speaker at the meeting.

Salen Hits Democrats for Club Bar Policies

Reiterating his liberal views, Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night told 150 hearers at a Thirteenth ward meeting in a hall at 5300 Hamm-av S. E., that the voters could expect no relief from the invasion of their private rights by electing a candidate of the present Republican organization. He said:

"When police darken the doors of a club formed for social intercourse and undermine the existence of a society I can hardly realize this has been done by an administration that calls itself Democratic. This policy will be abandoned after Jan. 1 when I am mayor."

Mr. Salen said it was under his direction when he was director of public works that the parks were popularized and Sunday baseball was introduced in Cleveland.

In discussing the municipal electric light plant he said the small home owner could not afford to have his house wired for electricity and that the most important thing for this man to have is pure water.

Another speaker for Mr. Salen was William Whitehead who said if Mr. Salen is the candidate of Dan R. Hanna "Peter Witt is the candidate of John Stanley, who wants to sell the Cleveland street railway to the city at a very high price."

Davis Says He Would Favor 1 Cent Lighting

"I am for 3-cent light—why, bless you, I am for 1-cent light if it can be produced," declared Harry L. Davis before the Sixth Ward Republican club, W. 25th-st and Denison-av S. W., last night. "But I want the consumers of light to pay for it. I do not want the charges to be placed on the general taxpayers.

"We are having an administration which is giving these things to the public at the expense of the general taxpayers. The general public is not participating in this low cost for such things. There is a way of getting this low cost of lighting without taxpayers being burdened. If I am mayor I shall endeavor to do it."

Mr. Davis in his talks at three meetings declared for better civic conditions all along the line of city activities; the economies in the administration of public affairs and placing the burden where it belongs.

The other meetings were held at Lincoln Heights Republican club, W. 14th-st and Auburn-av S. W., and W. 31st-st and Sackett-av S. W.

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DAVID BLAMES G.O.P. LEADERS IN PARTY SPLIT

Intelligent Guidance, New Organization Needs, He Says.

BOSS IS VAIL'S CURE

Maschke, at Tipps' 'Clinic' Defends Rule, Holds Voters Lack Interest.

Intelligent leadership and a new kind of organization are needed by the Republican party in Cleveland, William L. David told the Tippecanoe Club last night in opening a debate on "What is the matter with the G. O. P. in this city and county?"

Mr. David spoke to an audience composed largely of supporters of the present party organization, in it being Maurice Maschke and County Chairman George Harris, both of whom rushed to the defense of the committee which they represent.

Harry L. Vail blamed the Republican voters for lack of interest in party success, but also asserted that a boss was needed in Cleveland.

Blames Petty Spitework.

Former Lieutenant Governor Frank W. Treadway, who presided, declared petty jealousy, petty spite and petty bookkeeping of revenges were responsible for the destroying of effective party organization.

"There's something wrong here," Mr. David said. "This party of ours has got in bad. Somebody has got to stand up and tell what it is. I am not asking for votes and perhaps I can be the goat as well as anybody.

"The Democrats have an organization that can muster 2,000 men to a hall to witness the operation of removing the hide from a Democrat it doesn't want to run for office. Where is the Republican organization that can get 2,000 men into a hall for any meeting. We haven't an organization that pulls votes.

"The Republican party was split in 1912, but in every place in Ohio except Cleveland the Republicans who were divided then have got together. We elected a Republican governor in Ohio last year, but in this county the Democrats had 17,000 majority.

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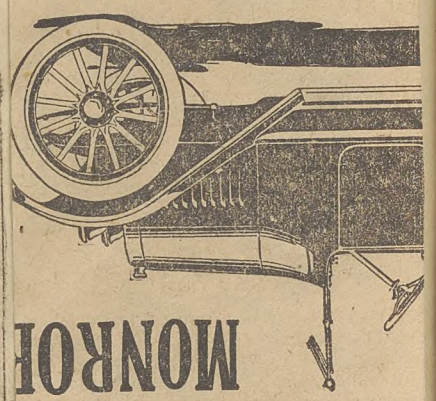
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Saturday Oct. 9.

CLUB IN 8TH VOTES TO SUPPORT DAVIS

Republicans in Norton's Own Ward Switch Allegiance as Tumult Reigns.

Witt at Opening of Meetings in Tent Tonight Promises Fight.

At the end of a stormy debate precipitated by an address by Minor G. Norton, candidate for mayor, and while Mr. Norton was still in the room, the Eighth Ward Republican club last night voted to indorse Harry L. Davis for mayor. Mr. Norton lives in the eighth ward and has been a member of the club many years.

After the meeting, which did not break up until nearly midnight and until the lights were turned out on the crowd, W. C. Bracken, a Norton supporter, claimed the vote was unfair and that but twenty of seventy who are said to have voted, are bona fide members of the club. Davis supporters claimed the vote was about 6 to 1 in favor of their candidate.

According to Mr. Bracken the club has but eleven paid members. He named them as Mr. Norton, W. J. Hart, Richard Fergus, Joseph Riley, Bernard Masterson, Ladd Krecji, Daniel Sullivan, president; Martin Friel, treasurer; Mr. Bracken, Patrick Hays and former Councilman Burke.

Mr. Bracken pointed out that Mr. Hayes, who made the original Davis indorsement motion last week when Candidate Davis addressed the club, last night tried to have the motion laid over until next week, claiming not all the members were present. According to Mr. Bracken, the Norton supporters went home early, thinking no action would be taken until next week. The motion had already been laid over a week.

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The tent meetings of Peter Witt start tonight when canvas will be spread on the W. 38th-st playground, opposite Siam-av S. W. Tonight the fight which has been conducted indoors by Peter Witt will be transferred to the open air and will be kept there for the remainder of the campaign.

Tonight's meeting will be presided over by Judge John H. Clarke of the United States district court. Mayor Newton D. Baker will speak with Mr. Witt.

Peter Witt has had nothing to say regarding the charges made at the Davis meeting Thursday night.

"We will take them up at the meeting Saturday night and then in the debate on Monday night," Mr. Witt said.

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The first two registration days indicate there will be a greater number of voters at this election than ever before. Last fall 108,675 registered.

The total registration for the first two days was 68,943 against 62,614 for the corresponding days last year. The number of women registered so far this year is 2,773. For the first two days last year the number was 127.

Thursday's registration was 32,294, of whom 1,742 were women.

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Charges made by Peter Witt that Dan R. Hanna is back of the campaign of Charles P. Salen met with a denial from R. C. Mitchell, one of Mr. Salen's managers, last night.

"I will deposit my personal check in the City National bank authorizing the bank to pay the Newsboys' Protective association if Witt proves that Mr. Hanna is back of Salen," said Mr. Mitchell.

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At a meeting of the Eleventh Ward Improvement club at the residence of Abner Jacobson, 2425 E. 43d-st, last night a committee of twenty-five was named to promote the councilmanic candidacy of M. M. Gelfand in the Eleventh ward. Mr. Gelfand was a speaker at the meeting.

Salen Hits Democrats for Club Bar Policies

Reiterating his liberal views, Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night told 150 hearers at a Thirteenth ward meeting in a hall at 5300 Hamm-av S. E., that the voters could expect no relief from the invasion of their private rights by electing a candidate of the present Republican organization. He said:

"When police darken the doors of a club formed for social intercourse and undermine the existence of a society I can hardly realize this has been done by an administration that calls itself Democratic. This policy will be abandoned after Jan. 1 when I am mayor."

Mr. Salen said it was under his direction when he was director of public works that the parks were popularized and Sunday baseball was introduced in Cleveland.

In discussing the municipal electric light plant he said the small home owner could not afford to have his house wired for electricity and that the most important thing for this man to have is pure water.

Another speaker for Mr. Salen was William Whitehead who said if Mr. Salen is the candidate of Dan R. Hanna "Peter Witt is the candidate of John Stanley, who wants to sell the Cleveland street railway to the city at a very high price."

Davis Says He Would Favor 1 Cent Lighting

"I am for 3-cent light—why, bless you, I am for 1-cent light if it can be produced," declared Harry L. Davis before the Sixth Ward Republican club, W. 25th-st and Denison-av S. W., last night. "But I want the consumers of light to pay for it. I do not want the charges to be placed on the general taxpayers.

"We are having an administration which is giving these things to the public at the expense of the general taxpayers. The general public is not participating in this low cost for such things. There is a way of getting this low cost of lighting without taxpayers being burdened. If I am mayor I shall endeavor to do it."

Mr. Davis in his talks at three meetings declared for better civic conditions all along the line of city activities; the economies in the administration of public affairs and placing the burden where it belongs.

The other meetings were held at Lincoln Heights Republican club, W. 14th-st and Auburn-av S. W., and W. 31st-st and Sackett-av S. W.

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Sunday Oct. 11.

DAVID BLAMES G.O.P. LEADERS IN PARTY SPLIT

Intelligent Guidance, New Organization Needs, He Says.

BOSS IS VAIL'S CURE

Maschke, at Tipps' 'Clinic' Defends Rule, Holds Voters Lack Interest.

Intelligent leadership and a new kind of organization are needed by the Republican party in Cleveland, William L. David told the Tippecanoe Club last night in opening a debate on "What is the matter with the G. O. P. in this city and county?"

Mr. David spoke to an audience composed largely of supporters of the present party organization, in it being Maurice Maschke and County Chairman George Harris, both of whom rushed to the defense of the committee which they represent.

Harry L. Vail blamed the Republican voters for lack of interest in party success, but also asserted that a boss was needed in Cleveland.

Blames Petty Spitework.

Former Lieutenant Governor Frank W. Treadway, who presided, declared petty jealousy, petty spite and petty bookkeeping of revenges were responsible for the destroying of effective party organization.

"There's something wrong here," Mr. David said. "This party of ours has got in bad. Somebody has got to stand up and tell what it is. I am not asking for votes and perhaps I can be the goat as well as anybody.

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Harry L. Vail didn't think the Republican party needed a physician but a man big enough, honest enough, capable enough and having the confidence of enough people to dictate Republican policies and doctrines in the county.

"What we need is a boss," he declared.

"We are not doing our share of the work," he continued. "There isn't a man of you who will volunteer to work at the polls. You want to know what is the matter with the party? I want to know what is the matter with you.

Hits Nonpartisan Elections.

"I hope this campaign will see the end of so-called nonpartisan elections. There is no such thing as a nonpartisan election. It's a fraud. In the present 'nonpartisan' campaign there are many important questions before the people, but we hear little about them.

"There are questions of franchises, constitutional amendments and bond issues, but all we have heard from any but one candidate for mayor is that they are wet and favor prize fights. I think the Tippecanoe Club should call a meeting of all Republican clubs to present the important questions to the people."

Mr. Vail said one trouble was that all the Republican politicians wanted to be leaders and none wanted to fight in the trenches. He urged that they be unselfish in the support of the Republican party.

Maurice Maschke declared it would ill become him not to defend the Republican organization in view of Mr. David's criticisms. He said the Republican organization in Hancock county, Mr. David's former home, might have been able to swing the electorate, but in Cleveland people could not be forced to vote one way or the other. They voted their own sentiments.

Will of People Rules.

"A politician's efforts can go just so far," he continued, "but cannot circumvent the will of the people."

He declared the party organization here had not received proper backing. He didn't know what could be done to help the party unless Republicans do their best to support the committeemen elected from precincts.

Introduced as the titular head of the Republican party in Cleveland, George Harris said the organization had been chosen by the voters of the party in this county. The precinct committeemen elected at the primaries elected an executive committee, of which he was made chairman. He was not, however, he said the leader, since the organization, with but a single discordant note, had recognized two leaders—Maurice Maschke and Harry L. Davis.

Harris then said he didn't believe in having a party boss or a return to the convention system of nominating candidates for office. He favored primary nominations and the election of committeemen by the voters.

"I recognize Maschke and Davis as leaders," he said, "and I think you should r e c o g n i z e them as such. Everybody recognizes the Democratic organization candidate for mayor as the Democratic candidate, although another Democrat seeks the office. In the Republican party we can't get behind anybody. A man can defy the wishes of the party organization and still be considered a Republican candidate.

"We have too many in the party who won't stand by the organization. If we have any dirty linen we should wash it out in the primaries. When leaders are chosen it is imperative that you get behind and stand by them."

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The men who urged William H. Boyd to enter the contest for the mayor's chair will be found supporting the cause of Miner G. Norton, according to a declaration made last night by Hugh F. Taylor.

Taylor, the leader of the forces that sought to convince Boyd he should be a candidate, and president of the Scottish-American Club, announced this as his firm belief at a ing of Norton workers and was ted with rousing cheers.

e meeting, called as a conferof ward and precinct leaders, to eld in Norton's office in the So- for Savings building, was so ely attended that it had to be urned to more commodious ters at the Alley Club, in E. 3d Fully 300 were present.

Norton Men Jubilant.

le leaders of Norton's campaign e enthusiastic over the showing predicted that their candidate ld gain strength steadily as his anization was perfected and after policies were announced at a ting some time this week.

he speakers hailed Norton as a didate who would receive the supt of the thoughtful people of the , who wanted an administration t would be clean, economical and gressive.

Norton struck the keynote of his npaign in declaring that the real ues were the city's financial condin and the completion of the interpting sewer, filtration plant and her city improvements, and not ize fighting, liberal interpretation of e liquor laws and the vice question.

"I want to announce right here at the supporters of Mr. Boyd's ndidacy are lined up behind Mr. orton," Taylor stated when called on to speak. "They believe that r. Norton is the most competent d the cleanest candidate in the ld, and they will unqualifiedly support him."

Pledge Norton Support.

Earl H. Wells, an independent mayo[illegible]

Salen

CLEAN UP ISMS IS SALEN'S PROMISE

Declares He'll Scrub Political Stables and Provide Civic Efficiency.

A cleaning out of political stables, abolishment of Wittism, Bakerism, and similar isms, and an advance in civic efficiency, were the high spots touched in speeches by Charles P. Salen, nonpartisan candidate for mayor and a few of his backers last night in a meeting of more than one hundred ward leaders and captains at organization headquarters.

Salen, in his speech, described his campaign platform as a "declaration of independence in Cleveland politics." He outlined his campaign as being the first nonpartisan movement in the history of Cleveland politics.

Sees Ills in All.

Criticism of both party platforms was also made by Salen.

"There's corruption in the Republican ranks and inefficiency in the Democratic," he said. "We're going to clean out the stables."

Clarence L. Jones, candidate for municipal judge from the twenty-fourth ward, preceded Salen on the platform. Jones rapped both parties for what he termed the lack of principle in their candidates.

"They stand for nothing," was his parting shot.

Virgil Marani, former Republican ward leader and buildinb commissioner under former Mayor Baehr, told his listeners that the citizens in his ward, and he believed the situation was the same all over the city, were tired of Wittism, Bakerism and the like.

"Wittism or Bakerism can be only compared to any other form of Anarchism," was his closing remark.

At nearly the close of the meeting a Salen sympathizer in the rear of the room rose and asked Salen if he knew the cost of the new filtration plant.

Can't Get at Figures.

"City hall is sitting tight on that," was Salen's reply. "I have been trying for months to get some data on the cost of public improvements, but for some reason city hall won't come across."

Speakers who are to take the stump for Salen at a conference with his speakers' committee at Salen headquarters yesterday afternoon were assigned to meetings to be held this week. They also agreed on the subjects each will discuss. Several Salen orators will make their first speeches of the campaign tomorrow night at McNess hall, 6701 Madison ave., and Hejl's hall, 3239 W. 50th st. Salen is billed to speak at both meetings if he can reach them after speaking at a private conference to be held in the East End.

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Backs Baker Record.

Witt declared that he stood squarely by the record of Mayor Baker. He pledged himself if elected to carry on the things that Baker stands for. If a council hostile to his policies is elected he announced that he would go out into the various wards and work for the recall of those who opposed him.

Witt's platform consisted solely of an elaboration of statements which he has issued since he became a candidate for the office. He omitted all personalities and only once made reference to an opposing candidate by name.

This was when Witt was interrupted and asked if he meant that he indorsed all of the policies of the present administration. He replied that he did.

"Well, then, I am ashamed of you," answered the voice from the audience.

Questioner Is Removed.

"He's a Salen man," shouted some one.

"Don't disturb him," replied Witt. "There are so few of them."

The heckling continued and the questioner was finally removed from the tent.

"I took care of one candidate last Tuesday. I will dispose of the remainder of the army Monday night and for the rest of the campaign will devote myself to a discussion of issues," said Witt.

In opening his address the candidate for mayor referred to the fact that the tent was pitched upon the scene of his boyhood sports.

"I feel right at home over here," he said. "I played back in that alley when I was a kid and stole apples and peaches from the lots. It has been twenty-three years since I left, but no matter how long I stay on the other side of the river I will always have a warm feeling for the West Side."

Explains Deficit.

Witt said that the $1,500,000 operating deficit, incurred largely by the Baker administration, was not due to paying too much for city service, but rather because not enough money had been paid into the treasury.

"A man who claimed to be a Democrat, Uncle Jud Harmon, who was a candidate for President, was responsible. He had the 1 per cent tax law passed to make a play for the farmer vote in Ohio."

Witt said that unless the deficiency bond issue was passed the police and fire departments must be reduced by half or the city must continue to borrow on the future.

Urges Phone Consolidation.

Witt denounced two telephone systems as a nuisance and an extravagance and declared that the Bell and Ohio State should be forced to consolidate. Failing to accomplish this the city should insist upon an interchange of service, he said.

"How do you know you'll be mayor?" shouted a voice from the audience.

"Because I always get what I go after," he retorted.

E. B. Haserodt, vice chairman of the Democratic organization presided. Mayor Baker urged passage of the Union depot, Barber subway and Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal ordinances. He said that he hoped to see a vast motorboat harbor for water sports built between E. 9th st. and the Union depot when the depot project was completed.

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The leaders were instructed to find locations for the Witt tent in the different wards. They were entrusted with the distribution of Witt campaign books which made their appearance yesterday.

One of the pamphlets purports to give the record of the Democratic city administration since 1912. It devotes two pages to boasting of Peter Witt's accomplishments as traction commissioner, crediting him with all the extensions and improvements made by the Cleveland Railway Company in its physical property and in public service.

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The men who urged William H. Boyd to enter the contest for the mayor's chair will be found supporting the cause of Miner G. Norton, according to a declaration made last night by Hugh F. Taylor.

Taylor, the leader of the forces that sought to convince Boyd he should be a candidate, and president of the Scottish-American Club, announced this as his firm belief at a meeting of Norton workers and was greeted with rousing cheers.

The meeting, called as a conference of ward and precinct leaders, to be held in Norton's office in the Society for Savings building, was so largely attended that it had to be adjourned to more commodious quarters at the Alley Club, in E. 3d st. Fully 300 were present.

Norton Men Jubilant.

The leaders of Norton's campaign were enthusiastic over the showing and predicted that their candidate would gain strength steadily as his organization was perfected and after his policies were announced at a meeting some time this week.

The speakers hailed Norton as a candidate who would receive the support of the thoughtful people of the city, who wanted an administration that would be clean, economical and progressive.

Norton struck the keynote of his campaign in declaring that the real issues were the city's financial condition and the completion of the intercepting sewer, filtration plant and other city improvements, and not prize fighting, liberal interpretation of the liquor laws and the vice question.

"I want to announce right here that the supporters of Mr. Boyd's candidacy are lined up behind Mr. Norton," Taylor stated when called upon to speak. "They believe that Mr. Norton is the most competent and the cleanest candidate in the field, and they will unqualifiedly support him."

Pledge Norton Support.

Earl H. Wells, an independent mayoralty candidate who recently withdrew from the race, also pledged his support to Norton's cause.

Norton's candidacy was acclaimed by J. W. Holcomb, one of the speakers, as one that "every good citizen could get behind without making excuses for his action." Norton was described by F. J. Van Wye, another speaker, as one of the best qualified men in the city to occupy the mayor's chair.

"We are behind a man that commands the respect of every good citizen of the city," said Van Wye. "His record in public and private life is clean, and he has had more to do with the starting of the city's big improvements than any other man. He won't resort to Billingsgate to obtain votes."

Norton declared the Democrats were claiming credit for improvements, every one of which was started by Republicans. He denounced the administration as imperiling the health of the city in failing to complete the intercepting sewer and build a sewage disposal plant.

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"The parks were bought, the river widened and deepened and all the other big improvements begun long before the Democrats took office," said Norton. "The only improvement they started was the Cooley farms, and that venture has proven the biggest burden the taxpayers have ever had to carry.

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The 300 present were named as part of a committee of 500 that will have charge of Norton's campaign.

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Norton announced that plans for his campaign organization would be completed and his policies announced following his debate with Peter Witt, Democratic mayoralty candidate, on Monday night.

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A cleaning out of political stables, abolishment of Wittism, Bakerism, and similar isms, and an advance in civic efficiency, were the high spots touched in speeches by Charles P. Salen, nonpartisan candidate for mayor and a few of his backers last night in a meeting of more than one hundred ward leaders and captains at organization headquarters.

Salen, in his speech, described his campaign platform as a "declaration of independence in Cleveland politics." He outlined his campaign as being the first nonpartisan movement in the history of Cleveland politics.

Sees Ills in All.

Criticism of both party platforms was also made by Salen.

"There's corruption in the Republican ranks and inefficiency in the Democratic," he said. "We're going to clean out the stables."

Clarence L. Jones, candidate for municipal judge from the twenty-fourth ward, preceded Salen on the platform. Jones rapped both parties for what he termed the lack of principle in their candidates.

"They stand for nothing," was his parting shot.

Virgil Marani, former Republican ward leader and buildinb commissioner under former Mayor Baehr, told his listeners that the citizens in his ward, and he believed the situation was the same all over the city, were tired of Wittism, Bakerism and the like.

"Wittism or Bakerism can be only compared to any other form of Anarchism," was his closing remark.

At nearly the close of the meeting a Salen sympathizer in the rear of the room rose and asked Salen if he knew the cost of the new filtration plant.

Can't Get at Figures.

"City hall is sitting tight on that," was Salen's reply. "I have been trying for months to get some data on the cost of public improvements, but for some reason city hall won't come across."

Speakers who are to take the stump for Salen at a conference with his speakers' committee at Salen headquarters yesterday afternoon were assigned to meetings to be held this week. They also agreed on the subjects each will discuss. Several Salen orators will make their first speeches of the campaign tomorrow night at McNess hall, 6701 Madison ave., and Hejl's hall, 3239 W. 50th st. Salen is billed to speak at both meetings if he can reach them after speaking at a private conference to be held in the East End.

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Information is sought, however, about all candidates for municipal court judges, councilmen and tax assessors.

Association Answers Charge.

Resenting the imputation of certain candidates who failed to receive the bar association's indorsement for municipal court judges, that all lawyers in Cleveland were not asked to vote, the association's campaign committee yesterday issued the following statement:

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"We would rather the candidates would talk on issues than attempt to cast aspersions upon each other," said Klumph. "But of course if they start any personalities we can't stop them."

Witt failed to attend a meeting of the Peter Witt Labor Club in the American House yesterday and it developed that a split had apparently occurred in the organization. Referring to the attendance, which was small, one speaker declared "several men were conspicuous by their absence and we are glad of it."

The meeting was behind closed doors and the men present were exhorted to let the constitutional amendments, bond issues and other referendum matters on the ballot "go hang" so that they could devote all their energies for Witt. He was hailed as "the only friend of union labor among the candidates."

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"Witt told me the other day just where he stood regarding capital and labor," shouted one of the speakers. "He said that when any of the manufacturers asked him for anything he would tell them where to get off at. All the other matters on the ballot can go hang just so we elect Witt.

"His election means one of the greatest victories for union labor in the country. Think of what it means if we can say that union labor in Cleveland elected a mayor."

Another speaker suggested that the Socialists deserved first consideration at the hands of union labor. His remark was applauded. He declared his opposition to the practice of "making a political football out of trades unionism." There was a hot discussion as to whether all the members of the club should sign their names to a pamphlet to be distributed today in Witt's behalf.

Davis Attends Three Meetings.

Davis spoke at three meetings and attended a clambake yesterday. He advocated the minimum wage amendment to the city charter at a meeting of the Italian Republican Club at Malaska's hall, Ontario st. and Central ave. Following his speech, the club passed resolutions indorsing his candidacy and that of Earle A. Foster for municipal clerk.

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Salen was busy yesterday attending a clambake and three private meetings, information concerning which he refused to make public.

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"How do you know you're going to be elected?" was asked.

"Because I always get what I go after," shot back the candidate and a howl of applause went up. "In addition, I understand the intellectual ability of the people of Cleveland, and I know what I'm running against."

'I'm Ashamed of You.'

"Will you carry out the policies of Newton Baker if elected?" called another voice, this time from the entrance to the tent.

"I just said so," answered Mr. Witt.

"Then I'm ashamed of you," the questioner asserted.

"Well, you have your answer, you had a right to ask a question. Now be quiet."

"He's a Salen man, Pete," two or three cried.

"Don't disturb him then. They need a few," said Mr. Witt, while talking and arguing sounded from the edge of the crowd. "He's a worthy representative of the army he's training with. He reflects the political and intellectual integrity of the man he's following."

"Go after him, Pete," cried a voice, as the candidate asked for silence. Mr. Witt shook his head. Policemen at the door were trying to quiet the man, who had more to say.

"He's a sorehead, Pete. He didn't get a job," called another of the crowd. The man at the entrance began another statement when police pulled him from the tent.

Candidate Witt began his speech by saying he didn't believe in political slates, and had disagreed both with Tom Johnson and Mayor Baker on the subject. He said he would have none.

"As a comeback they ask what I would do if I had an unfriendly council," continued the candidate. "My answer is that when I go into office Jan. 1, I will take it for granted the people of Cleveland have indorsed the things I stand for. If they send a council antagonistic to me, I'll go into their wards on the proposition of the recall and find out whether they are right or I am."

Discussing the $1,500,000 bond issue to be voted on Nov. 2, Mr. Witt said it had to be upheld or the city would face two alternatives if it was to be operated within its means next year—it either would have to lop off half of all operations or borrow on the future. The debt is an accumulation of years of deficits, he said, and he added that the city is not "suffering from spending too much, but from the fact that not enough has been paid in."

Mr. Witt said the 1 per cent. tax law inaugurated by "that man who claims to be a Democrat, Uncle Jud Harmon," laid a foundation for crippling every city in Ohio and every school district. He asserted that while $7.50 of city money was spent for every man, woman and child in Cleveland in 1910, but $5.25 was spent in 1914, although, he added, activities had increased.

The speaker then asserted, declaring at the same time he did not believe in a wheel tax or other special licenses, on the ground consumers would pay in the end, that he favored having the city keep the $500,000 annually turned over to the county for paving county roads, keep the $400,000 a year which he said goes to "pave roads in Ohio the people of Cleveland will never see," and the $500,000 accruing from saloon licenses.

Consolidation of the telephone companies would decrease rates and better service, he said. He also declared if the companies refused to consolidate and any power could be exerted to make them give an interchange of service, if elected, he would exert that power.

As to the municipal light plant, Mr. Witt said "the leading candidate on the other side and also one of the performers in the side show" had been talking for cheap light but against cheap power.

"He doesn't know that only by cheap power can we have cheap light," said the candidate. "The more power sold in the day time, the cheaper we can have light at night."

Mr. Witt continued by saying that if elected and that if the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. by March 1 had not reduced its rate for all consumers to that of the municipal plant, a bond issue would be proposed and advocated to extend the municipal plant to carry on all the business. He predicted the illuminating company would come down "to save its bacon."

A questioner asked as to the truth of statements by opponents of Mr. Witt that the light plant was not paying and was costing the taxpayers large sums. Mr. Witt said his answer to that was "the official figures from the city hall, which show that the plant is paying interest on its bonds, establishing a sinking fund to take care of its bonds and creating a surplus of $100,000."

"These are some of the things for which I stand," said Mr. Witt just before his conclusion.

There were cries of "We aren't tired, Pete," when he said he was about to finish, but he soon brought the meeting to an end.

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There was loud applause. The speaker was shooting his sentences at them now.

"Just as in the days gone by, I'm out asking for a job. Only then I had to ask a foreman, now I'm asking a hundred thousand. I want to carry out some of the things I believe in, and the job gives me the power to do it. The principal thing I believe in is a reform of our tax laws. There is no privilege in the world like the privilege of having someone else pay your taxes. That privilege must be destroyed. I realize the mayor and council cannot do it, but the office of mayor gives a point of vantage.

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Asked just as he left the platform whether he was for woman suffrage, Mr. Witt said "I am."

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The remainder of his speech he devoted almost entirely to advocating support for the Barber, Cleveland & Youngstown and union station ordinances.

Then he spoke in behalf of Peter Witt as a man he said would lead the city forward. He said Peter Witt was in himself "a program," and that no one need make one for him. He said he had no doubt "Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton" had benevolent intentions, but that they did not have the "training nor experience nor history" necessery. He said Peter Witt had been a champion of justice, had held office efficiently, and had made the Cleveland street railway system the "best in America" in point of number of cars, type of cars and efficiency of service. That, he asserted, was a certificate to the voters of

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The eight splicers want their wages increased from fifty-seven cents to sixty-four cents an hour and their eight assistants from forty-one to forty-five. In a registered letter to Stage late in September they requested the increase, and gave warning they would lay down their tools if their demands were not granted by October 1. But Stage was touring the New Hampshire hills on his second vacation of the year when the letter was delivered at his office, and it was not until after the sixteen had struck that their letter was opened.

The delegation of five told Baker the wage increase was rightfully due them. In addition, they pointed out that the second and third night before they walked off their jobs they had worked until midnight, and the last night they had worked all night. Further, they told Baker, even after they had struck four of them went to the West Side to repair a cable blowout that would have seriously crippled municipal light service west of the river had they not come to the rescue.

"You men are deserters, nothing else," Baker declared. "Your attitude is the most faithless I have ever seen toward city service. You deserve no sympathy at all. You repaired the West Side break so public sentiment would not be harsh toward you, as it should. To quit the city's service as you did is simply to desert, and you should receive no consideration."

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Republican councilmen protested to Service Director Sidlo.

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Davis again assailed the city administration for its extravagance.

"If the men now in office had watched the little things, we would not now be asked to vote for a million and a half bond issue," he said. "There are any number of instances where money could be saved. The sidewalk department employs inspectors who do nothing but inspect sidewalks. This could be done by the police department. They are sent out to serve notices to repair sidewalks. Thousands of dollars could have been saved by serving these notices by mail.

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R. L. Taylor and Charles Martin, candidates for council from the Sixteenth ward, also spoke at the meeting.

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The mayoralty candidates, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen and Peter Witt, were guests at a Monday luncheon of the exchange. President A. C. Klumph, of the exchange, as toastmaster, had lots drawn to decide the order of the speaking.

Davis drew the opening speech, with Salen second, Norton third and Witt last.

Davis opposed nonpartisan elections under the present plan which he declared was almost a farce. He favored the Toledo plan of nonpartisan nominations, the two highest candidates at the primaries to be the nominees for mayor.

Opposes Single Tax.

He was against the single tax advocated by Witt, against municipal ownership because of the city's financial strait, and for water at cost.

He insisted the next mayor should see to it the city lived within its income. State Auditor Donahey had said one-third of all the money spent by Ohio municipalities was wasted and Davis agreed with him. If men were appointed as department heads for fitness and not because they carried ward votes in their vest pockets, he asserted, there would be better and more economical government.

He charged the Baker administration with being responsible for $1,000,000 of the $1,500,000 deficit to meet which a bond issue is asked from the people. The next mayor, he said, must eliminate all waste and extravagance, and as mayor he would insist on all municipal employees doing their work in a business-like manner. The appointment of the civil service commission by the mayor was decried, as under the present system, Davis asserted, the executive could build up in the classified service a powerful personal political machine.

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"Yes, I'm a single taxer," Witt began, replying to Davis' speech. "I think every man who is a doer of things should be a single taxer, and when I'm mayor I want to come here and talk single tax. Mr. Davis quoted from Donahey, the state auditor, who hails from New Philadelphia, which hasn't as many people as some flats in Cleveland. It's none of Donahey's business what we do with our income. If departments can be cut down why didn't Davis when city treasurer cut down the expenses of his office? There will still be four quarts to the gallon when I am mayor.

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And a looby on your right!
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An open fire, a pipe, a book;
Against the panes the rain's tattoo;
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The mayoralty candidates, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen and Peter Witt, were guests at a Monday luncheon of the exchange. President A. C. Klumph, of the exchange, as toastmaster, had lots drawn to decide the order of the speaking.

Davis drew the opening speech, with Salen second, Norton third and Witt last.

Davis opposed nonpartisan elections under the present plan which he declared was almost a farce. He favored the Toledo plan of nonpartisan nominations, the two highest candidates at the primaries to be the nominees for mayor.

Opposes Single Tax.

He was against the single tax advocated by Witt, against municipal ownership because of the city's financial strait, and for water at cost.

He insisted the next mayor should see to it the city lived within its income. State Auditor Donahey had said one-third of all the money spent by Ohio municipalities was wasted and Davis agreed with him. If men were appointed as department heads for fitness and not because they carried ward votes in their vest pockets, he asserted, there would be better and more economical government.

He charged the Baker administration with being responsible for $1,000,000 of the $1,500,000 deficit to meet which a bond issue is asked from the people. The next mayor, he said, must eliminate all waste and extravagance, and as mayor he would insist on all municipal employees doing their work in a business-like manner. The appointment of the civil service commission by the mayor was decried, as under the present system, Davis asserted, the executive could build up in the classified service a powerful personal political machine.

"No Business of Donahey's."

"Yes, I'm a single taxer," Witt began, replying to Davis' speech. "I think every man who is a doer of things should be a single taxer, and when I'm mayor I want to come here and talk single tax. Mr. Davis quoted from Donahey, the state auditor, who hails from New Philadelphia, which hasn't as many people as some flats in Cleveland. It's none of Donahey's business what we do with our income. If departments can be cut down why didn't Davis when city treasurer cut down the expenses of his office? There will still be four quarts to the gallon when I am mayor.

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The list he handed over to Mr. Norton, with the request that he tell which he would have issued, which he thought would be proper or what he would have issued for other improvements.

"When you pay a dollar in taxes," said Mr. Witt, "you want to remember that exclusive of sinking fund, the city gets 37 cents, the schools 43 cents——"

"How much do you get?" cut in a heckler.

"You poor sucker, you don't know who pays my salary. You want to read the Tayler grant," cried the speaker and continued,

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He then handed Mr. Norton these questions, saying he expected Mr. Norton to answer for the other two candidates, as, he declared, they all agreed in attacking the Baker administration:

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Mr. Norton said Mr. Witt's main proposition regarding bond issues was true, but that it did not apply to repairs or current issues. They are not subject to bond issues, he said, and should be met by money raised for current expenses.

He spoke of the great recent improvements in Cleveland and said they all were started under a Republican administration. He assailed operation of the garbage reduction plant as extravagant, having cost, he said, $40,000 more this year than last. He said the intercepting sewer never was completed. He asked "Who started the low fare agitation?" and a cry of "Tom Johnson" went up. Mr. Norton declared he drew the first low fare ordinances himself and fought for them on the council floor.

Mr. Norton said he would tell "where some of the city's money had gone."

"For construction of the filter plant," he said, "Charles Fath & Co. of Cleveland bid $714,676.75, John F. Casey & Co. of Pittsburg $869,059.50, Winston & Co. of Pittsburg $869,459.50 and there were four other bidders. The contract was awarded to Charles Fath & Co., they being the lowest bidders. For some reason they failed to carry out the contract and forfeited their $10,000 bond, and without calling for new bids the contract was let to John F. Casey & Co., whose bid was $154,383.75 over that of Fath & Co.

"Why was it that new bids were not asked for when there was a difference of over $154,000 between the lowest and the next bidder?

"The piling rejected at Clark-av bridge crossing and said to be long leaf pine, was accepted and used here at the filter plant by the Casey & Co., notwithstanding the foundation required to hold up the pumping engine should have been three times as strong as that of the Clark-av bridge crossing. But when the plant was built 3,000 bags of cement were used to fill the cracks, but still a crack remained 250 feet long."

"Some crack," howled a man at the back of the tent, and a gale of laughter swept over the assemblage that it took minutes to check. Then the crowd began playing on the name of "Casey," to which Mr. Norton had referred, and there were cries of "Casey Jones" and "Casey at the bat," over which Mr. Norton laughed with the rest.

Assailing the administration of the street railway commissioner's office, Mr. Norton said Mr. Witt had given the company "more than they dared ask for." He made assertions that in four years the city's control of the street railway and the right to 3-cent fare will be gone. Mr. Witt in answering said Mr. Norton ought to "be ashamed as a lawyer to give that as an interpretation of the Tayler grant."

He was cracking at Mr. Norton when a voice cried, "He acted like a gentleman, anyway," and that was the signal for the heckling that followed.

"He hasn't answered a thing I asked him," Mr. Witt concluded, "and he can't, or he will hang himself. He is like the gizzard-eating troubadour——"

Hissing began.

Mr. Norton in his rebuttal said every foot of land for the parks was appropriated by the law department when he was head of it. He said work of the Republican administration of which he was a part made possible the depot scheme and the holding for the city of the lake front.

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Long before election day comes each voting precinct in Cleveland will have in it three Republican workers as busy as precinct committeemen can be, getting votes for Harry L. Davis for mayor.

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The first step toward forming this big organization was taken at a meeting of Davis adherents in the Davis campaign headquarters at 717 Schofield building yesterday.

Republican ward leaders from seventeen wards were present. As the list of precinct committeemen for each ward was read, the ward leader told whether the man mentioned is for Davis. He then was instructed to replace those who are not for Davis and those who are doubtful with Davis men and to report back Thursday night

Judge Fielder Sanders presided and explained in detail what the men were to do. Assisting him was George B. Harris, Republican county chairman. This is taken to mean that men recognized as the real powers in the Republican organization will have a strong organization back of Davis.

When the ward leaders have selected their precinct representatives, these precinct men will be instructed to select two more men who are for Davis to put forth every possible effort to get Davis votes. This will mean three Davis workers, backed by the Republican leaders, in each precinct. Precinct committee men from Wards 3, 4, 12, 13, 14 and 15 will be called in to a meeting tomorrow night for their instructions.

In his speech before the Slavish-American Republican club at Sophia-av and Woodhill-rd S. E. last night, Candidate Davis replied to Peter Witt's noon remarks on State Auditor A. V. Donahey.

Davis said that four years ago when Mr. Donahey was the Democratic candidate for state auditor, Mr. Witt and members of his organization were solidly back of Mr. Donahey. Mr. Davis hinted that he did not think it wise for a candidate for mayor to take a slap at the state official who has the power at any time to investigate the affairs of any municipality in the state.

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"Yes, and that's what I mean," thundered the commissioner, and the crowd howled.

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He then read a complete list of bonds issued by vote of the people and otherwise, totaling $52,354,730—from April 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1915. He had special comment for some of them. There might have been more cemetery bonds for the "political stiffs we'll bury Nov. 2," he said, while the crowd roared.

The list he handed over to Mr. Norton, with the request that he tell which he would have issued, which he thought would be proper or what he would have issued for other improvements.

"When you pay a dollar in taxes," said Mr. Witt, "you want to remember that exclusive of sinking fund, the city gets 37 cents, the schools 43 cents——"

"How much do you get?" cut in a heckler.

"You poor sucker, you don't know who pays my salary. You want to read the Tayler grant," cried the speaker and continued,

"——the library gets 4 cents, the state 4 cents and the county 12 cents. Let those figures sink in."

He then handed Mr. Norton these questions, saying he expected Mr. Norton to answer for the other two candidates, as, he declared, they all agreed in attacking the Baker administration:

State specifically which of the bond issues on the list furnished you, you as mayor, would have opposed, and why.

State, if you know, where waste or extravagance has occurred in the expenditure of the proceeds of any of these bonds issued.

If you do not oppose the construction of any of the improvements built with these bond issues, how, as mayor, would you have built them?

In the face of the falling off of tax receipts in 1912 of $211,000 as against 1911, of $328,000 in 1913 as against 1911 and $261,000 in 1914 as against 1911, or a total of $800,000, and a falling off of liquor license revenue of $556,000 in 1915 as against 1913, and an inheritance of a $400,000 deficit from the Baehr administration, making an aggregate total of $2,312,000, all in the face of an increase in Cleveland's population of 120,000 people and an increase in area of 15 per cent. over 1911, state specifically which of the activities of city government during the past four years—a list of which has been handed you—you would have cut out or cut down, and how much.

State specifically which of the departments of the city government now operating you would cut down or cut out, as mayor, and how much.

If you do not propose to abolish or curtail any department now operating, state specifically by what means you will maintain the standards of service now demanded by the people of Cleveland.

Since the year 1900 up to the present minute, state specifically what you have done or accomplished in aiding home rule, honest government, 3-cent fare, 3-cent light, and what do you propose as a remedy for our unjust tax laws?

Mr. Norton said Mr. Witt's main proposition regarding bond issues was true, but that it did not apply to repairs or current issues. They are not subject to bond issues, he said, and should be met by money raised for current expenses.

He spoke of the great recent improvements in Cleveland and said they all were started under a Republican administration. He assailed operation of the garbage reduction plant as extravagant, having cost, he said, $40,000 more this year than last. He said the intercepting sewer never was completed. He asked "Who started the low fare agitation?" and a cry of "Tom Johnson" went up. Mr. Norton declared he drew the first low fare ordinances himself and fought for them on the council floor.

Mr. Norton said he would tell "where some of the city's money had gone."

"For construction of the filter plant," he said, "Charles Fath & Co. of Cleveland bid $714,676.75, John F. Casey & Co. of Pittsburg $869,059.50, Winston & Co. of Pittsburg $869,459.50 and there were four other bidders. The contract was awarded to Charles Fath & Co., they being the lowest bidders. For some reason they failed to carry out the contract and forfeited their $10,000 bond, and without calling for new bids the contract was let to John F. Casey & Co., whose bid was $154,383.75 over that of Fath & Co.

"Why was it that new bids were not asked for when there was a difference of over $154,000 between the lowest and the next bidder?

"The piling rejected at Clark-av bridge crossing and said to be long leaf pine, was accepted and used here at the filter plant by the Casey & Co., notwithstanding the foundation required to hold up the pumping engine should have been three times as strong as that of the Clark-av bridge crossing. But when the plant was built 3,000 bags of cement were used to fill the cracks, but still a crack remained 250 feet long."

"Some crack," howled a man at the back of the tent, and a gale of laughter swept over the assemblage that it took minutes to check. Then the crowd began playing on the name of "Casey," to which Mr. Norton had referred, and there were cries of "Casey Jones" and "Casey at the bat," over which Mr. Norton laughed with the rest.

Assailing the administration of the street railway commissioner's office, Mr. Norton said Mr. Witt had given the company "more than they dared ask for." He made assertions that in four years the city's control of the street railway and the right to 3-cent fare will be gone. Mr. Witt in answering said Mr. Norton ought to "be ashamed as a lawyer to give that as an interpretation of the Tayler grant."

He was cracking at Mr. Norton when a voice cried, "He acted like a gentleman, anyway," and that was the signal for the heckling that followed.

"He hasn't answered a thing I asked him," Mr. Witt concluded, "and he can't, or he will hang himself. He is like the gizzard-eating troubador——"

Hissing began.

Mr. Norton in his rebuttal said every foot of land for the parks was appropriated by the law department when he was head of it. He said work of the Republican administration of which he was a part made possible the depot scheme and the holding for the city of the lake front.

THREE HELP DAVIS IN EACH PRECINCT

Will Cement Candidate's Following Under Direction of Organization.

Republican Mayoralty Aspirant Raps Witt for Slap at Donahey.

Long before election day comes each voting precinct in Cleveland will have in it three Republican workers as busy as precinct committeemen can be, getting votes for Harry L. Davis for mayor.

This work will be done under the direction of leaders in the Republican organization. Precinct committeemen who are now known to be against Davis for mayor will be replaced by Davis men. The elimination process will start at once.

The first step toward forming this big organization was taken at a meeting of Davis adherents in the Davis campaign headquarters at 717 Schofield building yesterday.

Republican ward leaders from seventeen wards were present. As the list of precinct committeemen for each ward was read, the ward leader told whether the man mentioned is for Davis. He then was instructed to replace those who are not for Davis and those who are doubtful with Davis men and to report back Thursday night

Judge Fielder Sanders presided and explained in detail what the men were to do. Assisting him was George B. Harris, Republican county chairman. This is taken to mean that men recognized as the real powers in the Republican organization will have a strong organization back of Davis.

When the ward leaders have selected their precinct representatives, these precinct men will be instructed to select two more men who are for Davis to put forth every possible effort to get Davis votes. This will mean three Davis workers, backed by the Republican leaders, in each precinct. Precinct committee men from Wards 3, 4, 12, 13, 14 and 15 will be called in to a meeting tomorrow night for their instructions.

In his speech before the Slavish-American Republican club at Sophia-av and Woodhill-rd S. E. last night, Candidate Davis replied to Peter Witt's noon remarks on State Auditor A. V. Donahey.

Davis said that four years ago when Mr. Donahey was the Democratic candidate for state auditor, Mr. Witt and members of his organization were solidly back of Mr. Donahey. Mr. Davis hinted that he did not think it wise for a candidate for mayor to take a slap at the state official who has the power at any time to investigate the affairs of any municipality in the state.

Salen Hits Dry Sunday As Unfair to Clubs

Discussing the liberal policies he will pursue if elected mayor, Charles P. Salen at Heji's hall, 3239 W. 50th-st, last night referred to the administration's forbidding the sale of liquor in clubs on Sunday as having "the police darken the doors of your organizations on Sunday, chilling the warmth of your good fellowship."

"Reflect," Mr. Salen said, "that the organization that calls itself Democratic forces you to close your clubs on Sunday. Such a thing would never have happened in Tom L. Johnson's day."

Speaking briefly of the city's financial status, Mr. Salen asked:

"Do you know that the Cleveland Railway Co. hasn't paid its taxes for two years and that by Jan. 1 it will owe over $1,000,000 taxes?"

The candidate closed his speech by stating he is sincere about his "contract with the people."

"The people can hold me to that contract and I want them to do it," he added.

Mr. Salen also addressed meetings at 6701 Madison-av N. W. and at Webster-av N. E. and E. 12th-st.

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'I WILL BE MAYOR,' SAY 4 CANDIDATES

Witt, Davis, Salen, Norton Address Builders Exchange at Banquet.

Sit at Same Table, Draw Lots to Speak, Rap One Another.

If there is prophecy in the predictions of four mayoralty candidates who spoke yesterday noon before the Builders Exchange, Cleveland will have four mayors after Jan. 1.

Tables were set in every available spot in the exchange rooms in the Chamber of Commerce building, and members several hundred strong filled every place to hear Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen discuss the issues of the campaign, and incidentally pay their respects to one another.

Mr. Davis, asserting he was "sorry there were so many candidates for mayor in the field," advocated doing away with the preferential plan of voting, terming it a "farce," and advocated substitution of a nonpartisan primary to select two candidates for the final contest.

He said when this year's fight neared an end there would be but two candidates, Mr. Witt and himself, and that he was sorry the others were "muddying up the waters." He said single tax was impracticable and that a halt should be called on municipal ownership.

Mr. Davis said the lighting plant of the city should be made self-sustaining and separated from the water works department so the people might receive "both light and water at cost."

President Arch C. Klumph of the exchange, presiding, introduced Mr. Witt.

"Yes, I'm a single taxer," began the street railway commissioner. "And when I'm mayor of Cleveland I'm going to ask you to invite me before you to talk single tax."

Terming the Smith 1 per cent. tax law a "fraud and a swindle," Mr. Witt said the deficiency bond issue of $1,500,000 ought to carry, but that if it didn't he as mayor would not cut city operations, but would trust to the possibility of changing the tax laws to make larger revenue possible.

Mr. Salen reiterated denial that he is backed financially as a candidate by Dan R. Hanna and spoke of the $1,000 deposited by Robert Mitchell of the Farr Brick Co. as a forfeit could the charge be proved. Mr. Salen said his name was not Salinsky and that he was baptized in the German Lutheran church. The Salinsky story was started maliciously, he asserted. He again denied the charge that he betrayed Tom L. Johnson.

Mr. Norton said the things accomplished by the city the past twelve years were started by Republicans in 1895. He spoke of the water works tunnel, the intercepting sewer, the garbage plant, and widening of the Cuyahoga river. He read his answer to the Industrial association regarding his attitude on several questions, pledging if elected to give an "economical and business administration," to enforce "law and order," to award public contracts according to law to the lowest bidders, with a square deal for both capital and labor and "no discrimination" toward either.

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WITT-NORTON DEBATE GOES ON NEXT MONDAY

Crowd Hisses and Cheers When Candidates Meet in First Clash.

HECKLERS ARE ACTIVE

Pete Gives Hot Answers When Listeners Challenge His Statements.

Peter Witt and Miner Norton began priming up Tuesday to finish next Monday night, probably at central armory, one of the hottest word duels in the history of Cleveland mayoralty campaigns.

The two candidates began their debate Monday night under the old Johnson tent, at Payne-av and E. 19th-st, before a crowd that cheered, hissed and roared.

Three thousand men and women, democrats, republicans and hecklers, crowded the big tent.

Witt, his voice strident, his eyes flashing, upheld democratic administrations, swatted tax laws, predicted the coming of real home rule, and told of car service progress.

Norton, white haired, vehement, bitterly assailed present and past democratic administrations, charging waste and business inefficiency.

Calls Listener Fool.

Witt was led into several sharp sallies with "clackers" in the crowd. Once he called a questioner an "ivory headed fool."

Agreement to finish their debate next Monday came when Witt, at the end of his speech, handed Norton a list of seven questions to which he demanded an answer.

"I can't answer 'em all tonight, but I'll do it next Monday night," said Norton.

"Accepted!" said Witt instantly. The crowd cheered.

Witt's Questions.

The questions:

State which bond issues you, as mayor, would have opposed, and why.

State, if you know, where waste has occurred in the expenditure of proceeds of any bonds.

If you do not oppose any of the improvements built with these bond issues, how, as mayor, would you have built them?

In the face of the falling off of tax receipts since 1912 of $2,312,000, and an increase in Cleveland's population of 120,000, which of the activities of city government during the past four years would you have cut?

State which city departments now operating you would cut.

If you do not propose to abolish or curtail any department, state by what means you will maintain the standards of service now demanded.

State what you have done since 1900 in aiding home rule, three-cent fare and three-cent light, and what do you propose as a remedy for our unjust tax laws?

In the glare of three flaming gas lights, Witt stood up, a batch of papers in his hand, to open.

"I want to thank Norton for being the only one on the other side willing to debate," said Witt, when the cheers were quieted. "I'll say this for Norton: He's got more capacity and higher integrity than the other two candidates put together."

After pointing out the city gets only 37 cents, the schools 43, state 4, library 4, and the county 12 cents out of each dollar paid for tax, Witt read off a list of 37 bond issues, totaling $52,354,730, put out for city improvements from April 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1915.

Asks Norton's Opinion.

"I want Miner Norton to tell us tonight which of those issues he would have cut, and which he would not have approved, had he been mayor," said Witt, handing the list to Norton.

"How much do you get?" came a query, when Witt hit distribution of tax funds.

"Why, you poor sucker, you don't know enough to read the Tayler ordinance," shot back Witt.

Witt told how Cleveland lost $550,000 in 1914-15 thru cutting of liquor license revenue, pointed out that every large city in Ohio is in financial straits.

Norton, greeted with cheers, said:

"I contend bonds should never have been issued for many of these things—repairs and so on. Such expenses should have been met with taxes raised for the purpose.

Raps Bond Issues.

"While the tax levy has been cut down, the tax duplicate has been raised from $200,000,000 to $892,000,000. With bond issue after bond issue uncared for by sinking funds, where are we going to end?

"All the great improvements you have today were begun when I was city solicitor. Why, who started the low-fare agitation?"

"Baehr!" "Johnson!" yelled the laughing crowd.

"I drew every one of the low fare ordinances myself," retorted Norton. "That's where the fight for three-cent fare came from."

Then Norton switched to Warrensville, swatted "criminal coddling," charged opium fiends were released after two weeks, and related the escape of a blind man.

"Peter Witt once stated that if he could rewrite the Tayler grant he would eliminate the council from any connection with the car system," said Norton.

"Think of it! He wants to eliminate the people's representatives," Norton shouted. "Why, in four years your right to three-cent fare will be gone. The company will take over the system and charge the highest rate of fare."

Witt, in rebuttal, charged Norton misstated, "thru ignorance," the terms of the Tayler grant, and pointed out the city can keep a grip on the car system indefinitely by contract renewal.

Norton, in his rebuttal, claimed credit for grabbing the lake front land, and ended with a picture of "a great city for great things."

"Whoop!" yelled the crowd, and went home.

Four Talk at Luncheon.

At a builders exchange luncheon Monday Witt declared for single tax, announced "I'm going to be mayor, don't forget it!" and told the audience—"don't vote for me if you want to go backward."

Then Davis charged extravagance against the present administration, advocated nonpartisan primaries and promised a business administration.

Salen termed himself a "nonpartisan candidate, whose election will wipe out both old political organizations," and rapped "mudslinging" by Witt.

Norton promised a square deal for capital and labor, and economical conduct of the city's business.

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Tuesday News October 12,

DEM LEADERS WANT WITT TO QUIET A LITTLE

Afraid Single Tax Speeches and Criticism of State Officials Will Hurt.

Tuesday Democratic organization workers were getting together to make a further effort to call Tractioner Witt "off" on some of his campaign material. The regulars aren't at all pleased with his insistent reference to single tax in all his speeches and also are bitterly opposed to his habit of "bawling out" present and past Democratic state officers.

The organization is afraid attacks like Witt made Monday on State Auditor Donahey and his many references to former Governor Harmon will split the party and place Cleveland in a sad light when it comes time to nominate a Democratic candidate for governor. Witt on different occasions has declared he doesn't like former Governor Cox, but after attacking Cox policies has sugar-coated the pill by saying that "after all, Jim Cox was the best governor Ohio ever had."

Opens Up Old Wound.

Ever since Witt declared his candidacy for mayor, without consulting the organization, then forced the organization to swallow him, there has been dissension not only in the executive committee but among the rank and file. This was partly healed for a time, but Witt's utterances on the stump have opened the old wound.

Peter Witt will debate again with Miner G. Norton next Monday night, his "finishing-off" having failed to materialize Monday night when he met Norton in a Democratic tent at Payne ave. and E. 19th st.

Witt lost his temper and was hissed when he made a personal attack on Governor Willis. He called one person who questioned him an "ivory-headed fool."

Witt, in opening, declared "Norton has more capacity and integrity than the other two candidates put together." He defended the big bond issues of the Baker administration, declared he had tried to keep the office of tractioner free from politics and took the credit for the Cleveland railway's expenditure of $3,000,000 for new cars, shops and operating stations. He declared the $2,000,000 municipal light plant bonds were the best thing the people ever voted for.

Norton Debates Witt.

Seven questions that Witt handed Norton to answer the latter said he would answer next week.

"Witt complains that the tax levy has been cut down," Norton said, "but he does not explain that the tax duplicate at the same time has been increased from $200,000,000 to $892,000,000."

Norton declared Tom Johnson was charging five-cent fare in New York when the low-fare agitation was first begun in Cleveland. He attacked the water department, saying big profits claimed in 1914 were due to premium on bonds and depository interest. He also inquired why Casey & Co., filter plant contractors, had received a $65,000 bonus for rushing work when the plant won't be in operation for months.

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Mayoralty and council candidates opposed to the Democratic organization Tuesday were getting ready to make antiadministration capital of the fact that none of the city hall offices was closed in honor of Columbus day. Literature to appeal particularly to the Italian voters and speeches calling the official disregard of the big Italian colony a direct slap at the Italian residents of Cleveland will be features for the next two days.

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Harry L. Davis, talking to the Sixteenth Ward Republican Club, Monday night advocated election of the city director of finance. The rest of Davis' speech was given to attacks on the Baker administration as extravagant and to a plea that the civil service law be changed so the mayor can not remove commissioners at will.

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Charles P. Salen told second, third and ninth ward voters Monday night that the city now is on the verge of bankruptcy and that "a thorough audit of the books after January 1 will reveal some startling facts." Salen also referred to his liberal policy on the club question, and declared that while the city administration was yelling about decreased revenues, the Cleveland Railway hasn't paid a cent of taxes for more than two years.

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Mayor Minshall of East Cleveland, candidate for re-election, will open his campaign Wednesday night with a meeting in East Cleveland city hall. He will point to fulfillment of all promises he made two years ago when he was a candidate the first time. He has included a number of new planks in his platform looking to further public improvements and promises "continuation of an honest, efficient and economical administration."

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The names of the hundred-odd men who are directing the ward organization work for the drys were being closely guarded Tuesday by the campaign committee. They will not be made public for fear that harm of some sort might come to the men, Attorney Paul S. Knight, spokesman for the drys, said.

Last year one dry ward leader lost his job when the list of dry workers was announced containing his name, according to Knight.

Samuel T. Haas, secretary of the Cuyahoga County Home Rule Association, Tuesday was working out a schedule for a dozen speakers who will address meetings in halls and on street corners every night until election.

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"The boys" at city hall Tuesday began passing along the word to gather as many second choice votes as possible for Traction Commissioner Witt. They pointed out that it is probable second choice votes will figure in determining Mayor Baker's successor and that they may prove as valuable as first-choice ones.

In his opening speeches Witt asked that the organization instruct the faithful to vote only one choice. City hall's proposition is to take second choice votes from Davis, Norton or Salen adherents.

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Councilman Fitzgerald, campaign manager for Harry L. Davis, took exception Tuesday to Lighting Commissioner Ballard's claim that the municipal light department now is standing on its own feet because it paid the waterworks $53,000 October 1.

"Sinking fund records show that Ballard's division still is $70,000 behind in interest charges, incurred while the E. 53d st. plant was being built," said Fitzgerald. "The light department also owes the waterworks $112,000 for the site of the 53d st. station. Until these two items are paid it cannot rightfuly be said the light department has a profit."

Ballard, of "powdered lady" detective fame, claims that by small monthly interest payments the $112,000 debt is being cleared.

DEMOCRATS GET LION'S SHARE OF RELIEF MONEY

Place Many Times More Cases in City Institutions Than Republicans.

ALSO LAND MANY MORE BASKETS FOR POOR

Incidentally It's Noticed That 'Philanthropy Pie' and Deficits Go Hand in Hand.

The sick at City hospital, the indigent at outdoor relief counters, the tubercular at Warrensville sanitarium, the jobless at city-state employment office and even the non-English speaking immigrants, to say nothing of water mains, streets repairs and electric light cables, have been drawn into the maelstrom of ward politics.

Less confident of councilmanic success than in the 1913 campaign, city hall division heads were obeying orders Tuesday to compile by wards statistics of accomplishments of the second Baker regime. At the appointed time each Democratic councilman seeking re-election will file into headquarters and come away with a detailed statement of the pie and cake he managed to purchase, politically, in the last two years.

Figures prepared Tuesday by Welfare Director Cooley's office made it plain beyond doubt that politics played as big a part as actual need and suffering in filling the wards at City hospital and the tuberculosis sanitarium and in getting filled baskets at the outdoor relief. That Democratic candidates will boast even of the immigrants directed to their wards and of certificates issued by Immigration Commissioner Loebl at the close of his citizenship classes, was admitted by the fact that these statistics have been compiled by wards.

How Dems Got In on Relief.

In council the proportion of Democrats to Republicans is twenty to six. But the proportion of persons given aid at the outdoor relief was forty-six from Democratic bailiwicks to six from Republican. The proportion given jobs at the city-state bureau was twenty-five to six. The proportion of Clevelanders, by wards, who found their way into beds at the tuberculosis sanitarium was identical. Thirty-nine to six was the ratio both for immigrants directed and night school certificates issued. Only in getting their sick into City hospital did Republicans best Democrats, and not by much, for the proportion was sixteen to six.

Of the total of 14,446 Clevelanders given aid at the outdoor relief in 1913 and 1914—latest figures obtainable by Superintendent Kenney—1,658 were from the six Republican wards and 12,788 from Democratic. Councilman "Jimmy" McGinty's ninth ward poor alone numbered 2,100, or 442 more than from all Republican wards combined. The division's 1915 appropriation of $42,180 will be exhausted October 15 and additional funds must be provided.

Between July 1, 1914, and July 1, 1915, Employment Commissioner Hennessy gave out 31,000 jobs. Of these [illegible] went to Republican constituents and 24,840 to Democratic. Again McGinty leads with 5,160. He and Councilman Stanton, with 2,280 jobs, far outnumber job awards to the six Republican constituencies.

While the immigration bureau in 1914 and the first nine months of this year directed 10,500 immigrants, it sent only 1,400 to Republican wards. The 1,500 housed in Stanton's ward, when naturalized, will outvote by 100 the total sent to all Republican districts. The 7,100 certificates issued were proportioned 950 to G. O. P. wards and 6,150 to Democratic.

Only 600 suffering from tuberculosis were fortunate enough to get into the Warrensville sanitarium, but only 118 were admitted from Republican wards. Three Democrats in council—Damm, Tack and Reynolds—easily excelled the efforts of the six Republicans.

Reason for City's Deficit.

City hospital cases in the whole of last year and the first nine months of this totaled 11,489. The proportion was 3,103 from Republican wards and 8,386 from Democratic. That McGinty could have been re-elected from the hospital is proved by the fact that from his ward came an even 20 per cent of all patients. McGinty's admittances of 2,323, plus 1,160 by Reynolds, Democrat, easily exceeded the Republican patients.

"It's a good thing for the boys to let their people know just what they've done," McGinty said Tuesday. "Maybe the hospital and outdoor relief shouldn't be brought into politics, but now that figures have been compiled, they can be handily used."

That pie and operating deficits go hand in hand is shown by the precarious financial condition of Cooley's department. When council two weeks ago raised the 1915 operating deficit to $1,500,000, a tenth of this sum was brought on by Cooley. The outdoor relief, where Democrats made their greatest inroads, is the worst off financially.

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DAVIS SAYS HE'LL BE BIG AID TO CITY

Candidate Declares if Elected He Can Say He Kept His Pledges.

Again Favors Taking From Mayor Power to Name Civil Service Men.

"My only desire to become mayor of Cleveland is that I might be in a position to do some great good for this town."

That's what Candidate Harry L. Davis told members of the Fourteenth Ward Republican club in the hall at E. 55th-st and Francis-av S. E. last night.

"Then, in two years," Mr. Davis continued, "I will come back to you and you will say I have kept my promises and have helped the city."

Mr. Davis backed up his position favoring an amendment to the city charter to remove the power of appointing members of the civil service commission from the hands of the mayor.

"Where were you when the charter was adopted?" asked a heckler.

Mr. Davis told this heckler to look up his public statements made just before the charter election, showing wherein he was for the charter, although he was opposed to some sections of it.

"What does civil service amount to in the City hall now?" asked another man.

"Practically nothing," responded Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis told the club there were but two really important candidates in the race for mayor, himself and Peter Witt.

From the fourteenth ward meeting Mr. Davis went to the Ohio City club, 2636 Detroit-av N. W., where a reception to candidates for offices was held but no speeches were permitted. Three-round boxing matches were put on for the candidates.

Chamber Hears Pleas on Election Issues

"It's a mere million the board of education asks."

This is what D. C. Westenhaver, president of the board, told the Chamber of Industry last night, opening his speech on why the proposed bond issue of $1,000,000 for new buildings should be approved by the people Nov. 2.

Preceeding speakers, discussing other projects to be voted on in November, had talked not of a single million but of "this gigantic enterprise on which millions of dollars is to be spent."

Mr. Westenhaver declared no other proposition, in comparison, is so important to the public welfare as that of the board bond issue. He reviewed school board expenditures and income for several years to show how much the board must do and how little money there is with which to do it. He challenged public opinion to point to a single expenditure not necessary. He asked if medical inspection should be abolished but there was no one who would answer it in the affirmative.

The meeting was the first of the chamber's educational dinner meetings. President C. J. Neal presided.

Mayor Newton D. Baker was first speaker. He discussed the referendum on the union station project and traced the years of litigation in connection with the proposal.

The question of subway approaches to the new Detroit-Superior high level bridge was explained by Architect Charles W. Hopkinson who illustrated it with lantern slides. He drew cheers from the audience when a stereopticon picture of the connected steel span of the new bridge was shown.

The Cleveland & Youngstown high level freight terminal ordinance was explained by John L. Cannon, and the Barber subway ordinance by E. D.

WITT AND MAYOR CALL PUBLIC RULE TRIUMPHANT HERE

Mayoralty Candidate Point by Point Pictures Street Car System, 'Admired by Railway World.'

Baker Challenges Scovil to Show-Down on Private and City Light Plants.

'I'LL CONTINUE FIGHT OF TOILER,' CRIES WITT

Speakers Warn of Misrepresentation Aimed at People's Control.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt and Mayor Newton D. Baker last night in a West Side tent meeting painted a picture of a Cleveland whose people have demanded to control and to operate public affairs in their own name.

Success has rewarded the people's control of street railways, success has rewarded the people's operation of a light plant, the speakers maintained. Their stories griped a crowd the Democratic tent could not hold.

The tent was pitched at Franklin-av N. W. and W. 38th-st. The assemblage so overflowed it the rear flaps had to be raised to allow more to hear.

Peter Witt's story was of the operation of Cleveland's street railway system under control of the people and with 3-cent fare. In concluding, he asked whether he could be blamed for wanting to be mayor of a city such as he had described. He told them why he desired the place, renewing his pledge "to the struggle of those who believe the golden days are just ahead and not behind, who want to leave to their children conditions better than their fathers left to them."

Baker Talks Municipal Light.

Mayor Baker's story was of Cleveland's municipal light operations, and he threw down the gauntlet with this declaration:

"I challenge anybody—Mr. Scovil or anybody. I'll lay down our books if he'll lay down his. If we're not making light cheaper and saving money to the people by the showing on his books and on ours, I'll abandon the plant!"

The crowd was reserved with its applause at the start, but by the time Mr. Witt neared the end of his address every point he emphasized was greeted with a volley, suddenly stilled, that his next statement might be heard.

"I went in there to work and I did work!"

That summed up Mr. Witt's claims for himself as street railway commissioner.

"On the 1st of January, 1912, I assumed the duties of city street railroad commissioner," said Mr. Witt. "For twenty-five years I had been before the people of Cleveland, in season and out, proclaiming the things I believed in, fighting what I believed were your battles. Everybody expected the day I was appointed I would bite John Stanley in the leg.

"I met John Stanley, and I made the public statement I was there to work and not to talk. And from the day I went into office until this moment I have not volunteered on my part one statement concerning that enterprise."

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"The moment the order was announced," he continued, "'General' FitzGerald, the councilman from the eleventh ward, got up and told the people of Cleveland the commissioner was bringing in trailers, that everyone would be killed and no one left to carry. The News, my dear friend, Dan Hanna's paper, pictured trailers going down the street like mad dogs, destroying people.

"Tonight I come to you to say not only are there 300 center-entrance trailers in operation in Cleveland, but that cities all over the country are coming to trailer operation."

Mr. Witt said trailer cars cost $3,000 while motor cars cost $6,000 and that as two-thirds of the total equipment is in operation only two hours a day, the cost of the investment idle twenty-two hours out of the twenty-four is infinitely less when the cars are trailers. They take but one man to operate, he said, and a train of two cars, he declared, gets over the same ground in the same time as one.

"We've convinced them," he said, "but every day the Cleveland Leader and Cleveland News willfully and maliciously told lies about their operations. I don't mind here, but instead of advancing the city we love, it finds its way into papers elsewhere, where we're belittled and they're tearing us down."

"There hasn't been a move made in that office that has not been wilfully misconstrued by the Cleveland Leader and the Cleveland News," he continued heatedly. "They don't want the enterprise to succeed."

"Every day, I suppose, when the car goes by or doesn't come, there's a good 'damn' for Pete Witt," he continued, while the crowd laughed. Ending his story of what the operation of the system has been, Mr. Witt emphasized that it all has been done under three-cent fare and with the people in control. He then referred to a lecture tour of some years ago when he spoke in cities throughout the country on "An Hour With Tom Johnson."

"When I told them the story of the struggle of the people of Cleveland under Tom Johnson, it was a story they'd never heard before," he said.

"Can you blame me for wanting to be mayor of a city like this? They ask why I want it. Honor? Yes. For the wife who has made my career possible? Yes. For the legacy I can leave to my three children? Yes.

"But for myself I want it for the power, for the position of prominence it will give, as a point of vantage. For thirty years I've been struggling, I've been fighting! My religion is the freedom of man! The battle of the toilers for the product of their toil is the battle I'm engaged in. It's the crowd I came from, the crowd with which I stand."

Loud and long applause marked the earnest and forceful ending of his speech. They crowded around to shake hands with him as he left the platform.

Mr. Baker took up a discussion of the light plant. He told its history from the beginning. He said the state utilities commission never had done anything but continue hearings on an ordinance passed in March, 1914, to reduce the rates of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. and that if the city had waited to get 3-cent light by that route, it would still be waiting. He said the competition of the municipal plant had caused a saving of $542,874 in a year to power consumers, that municipal power users had paid $109,000 less in a year than they would have paid at Illuminating company rates, that those who bought current for residence and commercial use saved amounts making the total saving to the people $973,000, which plus a saving on city lighting made a total saved of $1,029,678 in a year.

He declared if the money spent on the plant never gave a penny back of its investment, it would be justified by the saving made to the people.

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Mr. Pease explained the provisions of the pending ordinance; R. O. Rote, assistant chief engineer of the New York Central lines, explained the new Union station ordinance and B. L. Greene of the Osborn Engineering Co. the E. 55th-st subway proposition.

Mr. Pease pointed out that but 17 per cent. of Cleveland's railroad receipts is from passenger business and that the city's mercantile section being eighty feet above the lake level adds to cartage expense.

Mr. Rote's only comment on the desirability of passing the station ordinance was that he thought the city had made a good bargain.

Though the engineers took no action on indorsing the three measures, the applause that greated the explanations indicated their approval of the proposed improvements.

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They asserted Mayor Baker wanted James B. Cox nominated for governor next year and that he aspired to be the Democratic candidate in 1918. If Cox ran next year he would be out of the way in [illegible]. Baker would then [illegible] nomination and would be in position to [illegible] delegation from Ohio to the national convention in 1920 pledged to him for the presidency.

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NORTON-WITT WORD BATTLE PLANS WILL BE ARRANGED TODAY

Arrangements for the second debate on municipal issues between Miner G. Norton and Peter Witt, rival candidates for mayor, may be completed today.

Former Congressman Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, who will represent Witt in the negotiations, expect to get in communication with Norton this morning.

As the challenger for the second debate, Norton was of the opinion yesterday that it was up to him to furnish the place for the talkfest, and had not decided whether to have it in a large tent or in the Grays' armory.

The Democratic committee, however, of the opinion that the second debate will be a continuation of that of Monday night, expects to provide the auditorium and is inclined to have the meeting in a tent.

If a hall is engaged the expenses may be divided between the candidates. The Democratic tent was to have been pitched next Monday in the tenth ward at Payne ave. and E. 47th st., but the postponed Witt meeting will be postponed until Tuesday because of the debate Monday.

If a tent is used for the debate the Democrats favor pitching it on the West Side. The Witt forces say the terms for the discussion will be up to them as Witt is the challenged party and that Norton arranged the order of speaking for the first debate, Witt presenting the opening and Norton the closing arguments.

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The joint debate fever has reached the wards. Yesterday M. H. Gelfand issued a sweeping challenge to his five opponents for councilman from the eleventh ward to discuss with him the question, "Why I should be elected?"

The challenged candidates are T. W. Fleming, James S. Lytle, J. J. Benner, Richard Zingler and George F. Waters. Gelfand wants the debate held at Teutonia hall, Scovill ave. and E. 22d st., October 22, the six candidates to share the expenses of the meeting.

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William L. David, who at the meeting of the Tippecanoe Club last Saturday night urged upon Republicans that intelligent leadership and a fighting organization were needed by their party in Cleveland if it hoped for victory in the future, will be the speaker at the Wednesday luncheon of the John Hay Club today at 12:15 p. m, in the Cuyahoga restaurant.

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David Armstrong, a candidate for councilman from the twenty-fifth ward, will address a meeting to be held tonight in his home, 10720 Marcy ave.

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In a letter to the Cleveland Bar Association Robert Granger, candidate for municipal court judge, criticizes the lawyers' organization for its indorsement of a judicial slate, based upon a preference vote of the attorneys of Cuyahoga county. He says most of the indorsements were by a small minority of the bar.

"Why not," he asks, "let the voters of this city offer their choice to the Bar Association instead of having the bar's slate forced upon them? Courts are not operated for the benefit of lawyers, but for the good and welfare of the general public, and the people of Cleveland are intelligent and independent enough to select their own judges, and the Bar Association's political fund will not avail against them.

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Andrew Pilosi, 1267 W. 69th st., voiced a vigorous protest yesterday against Peter Witt being invited to address the Columbus day celebration of the West Side Italian Club. Pilosi said he was a member of the club, a nonpartisan organization, and the celebration was arranged to be non-political.

Pilosi said he was employed by the city at Edgewater park until recently when he was discharged, his foreman explained, because he favored Charles P. Salen for mayor. He said his name on the city payroll was anglicized to Andy Payne and that a month ago he was assessed $2.50 for the Witt campaign fund which he paid. He said he was an American citizen with a wife and eight children, but he had to lose his job while men not citizens were retained in the park service.

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ARMORY, OCT. 20, IS WITT-NORTON DEBATE PLAN

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There aren't going to be any conditions to the debate, Norton said Wednesday.

"It's to be a free-for-all with no campaign issues barred," said Norton. Within a day or two the time alloted Norton and Witt for their main arguments and rebutall, and the order in which they shall speak will be determined. These details will be submitted to Attorney R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, for approval.

At the Monday night debate Witt asked Norton about several bond issue questions. These will be answered next Wednesday.

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The Democratic organization Wednesday found itself in the position of "now that we have got it what are we going to do wit it?" in regard to Tractioner Witt and his campaign speeches. For some time the organization has been trying to have Witt refrain from attacking everybody he doesn't like, from calling hecklers in the audience "boneheads" and "ivory-tops" and from taking covert raps at Democratic state officials, past and present.

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Municipal light, the street car service, and his own fight from the bottom up furnished Witt's material.

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After it was all over the organization men in the tent wondered where all the enthusiasm was. They agreed Witt had made a great speech and then as suddenly realized that people hadn't been applauding the Witt-Bak[illegible] ning[illegible] N[illegible] a cl[illegible] voi[illegible] hav[illegible] on [illegible] da[illegible] an[illegible] [illegible] er[illegible] de[illegible] th[illegible] pi[illegible] pe[illegible] if[illegible] ci[illegible] jc[illegible] a[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Collections

FOREST City Clearing House, collectors of all accounts. 19 Blackstone bldg. Main 5787.

LEGAL NOTICES.

The undersigned has been duly appointed as and has qualified in the court of insolvency of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, as assignee for the benefit of creditors of George H. Worthington. All the creditors are notified to present their claims, duly verified, on or before the 1st day of April, 1916.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

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Supreme Court Gives Verdict Against W. J. Gawne, East Side Tube Builder.

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When Mandate Arrives City Will Call on Bonding Company to Pay Up.

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Will Call On Bondsmen.

Law Director Stockwell and Assistant Director Young, who, with Mayor Baker, argued the case at Columbus two months ago, said Wednesday that as soon as the court's mandate reaches Cleveland they will make demands for immediate settlement from the Fidelity & Casualty Company of Maryland, which was on Gawne's bond. Both Stockwell and Young expect the company to contest payment if any grounds for litigation have been left open.

The suit grew out of disasters to the tunnel in 1903, which culminated when water gas exploded, forced out a shield and cost the lives of a score of workmen. The city immediately took the work from Gawne's hands and proceeded by direct labor. It held back $50,000 due Gawne and refused to pay this amount.

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NORTON-WITT WORD BATTLE PLANS WILL BE ARRANGED TODAY

Arrangements for the second debate on municipal issues between Miner G. Norton and Peter Witt, rival candidates for mayor, may be completed today.

Former Congressman Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, who will represent Witt in the negotiations, expect to get in communication with Norton this morning.

As the challenger for the second debate, Norton was of the opinion yesterday that it was up to him to furnish the place for the talkfest, and had not decided whether to have it in a large tent or in the Grays' armory.

The Democratic committee, however, of the opinion that the second debate will be a continuation of that of Monday night, expects to provide the auditorium and is inclined to have the meeting in a tent.

If a hall is engaged the expenses may be divided between the candidates. The Democratic tent was to have been pitched next Monday in the tenth ward at Payne ave. and E. 47th st., but the postponed Witt meeting will be postponed until Tuesday because of the debate Monday.

If a tent is used for the debate the Democrats favor pitching it on the West Side. The Witt forces say the terms for the discussion will be up to them as Witt is the challenged party and that Norton arranged the order of speaking for the first debate, Witt presenting the opening and Norton the closing arguments.

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The joint debate fever has reached the wards. Yesterday M. H. Gelfand issued a sweeping challenge to his five opponents for councilman from the eleventh ward to discuss with him the question, "Why I should be elected?"

The challenged candidates are T. W. Fleming, James S. Lytle, J. J. Benner, Richard Zingler and George F. Waters. Gelfand wants the debate held at Teutonia hall, Scovill ave. and E. 22d st., October 22, the six candidates to share the expenses of the meeting.

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William L. David, who at the meeting of the Tippecanoe Club last Saturday night urged upon Republicans that intelligent leadership and a fighting organization were needed by their party in Cleveland if it hoped for victory in the future, will be the speaker at the Wednesday luncheon of the John Hay Club today at 12:15 p. m, in the Cuyahoga restaurant.

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David Armstrong, a candidate for councilman from the twenty-fifth ward, will address a meeting to be held tonight in his home, 10720 Marcy ave.

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In a letter to the Cleveland Bar Association Robert Granger, candidate for municipal court judge, criticizes the lawyers' organization for its indorsement of a judicial slate, based upon a preference vote of the attorneys of Cuyahoga county. He says most of the indorsements were by a small minority of the bar.

"Why not," he asks, "let the voters of this city offer their choice to the Bar Association instead of having the bar's slate forced upon them? Courts are not operated for the benefit of lawyers, but for the good and welfare of the general public, and the people of Cleveland are intelligent and independent enough to select their own judges, and the Bar Association's political fund will not avail against them.

"This must be apparent even to the Bar Association, for every attempt it has made to select its slates has met with rebuke and disaster."

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Andrew Pilosi, 1267 W. 69th st., voiced a vigorous protest yesterday against Peter Witt being invited to address the Columbus day celebration of the West Side Italian Club. Pilosi said he was a member of the club, a nonpartisan organization, and the celebration was arranged to be nonpolitical.

Pilosi said he was employed by the city at Edgewater park until recently when he was discharged, his foreman explained, because he favored Charles P. Salen for mayor. He said his name on the city payroll was anglicized to Andy Payne and that a month ago he was assessed $2.50 for the Witt campaign fund which he paid. He said he was an American citizen with a wife and eight children, but he had to lose his job while men not citizens were retained in the park service.

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ARMORY, OCT. 20, IS WITT-NORTON DEBATE PLAN

Arrangements for the second round of the debate between Miner G. Norton and Tractioner Witt, begun Monday night in the Democratic tent at E. 19th st. and Payne ave., were practically completed Wednesday. Norton has decided to hold the debate in Grays' armory next Wednesday. Martin Thum, in charge of the Democratic tent, will see that Witt is left free from organization meetings that night.

There aren't going to be any conditions to the debate, Norton said Wednesday.

"It's to be a free-for-all with no campaign issues barred," said Norton. Within a day or two the time alloted Norton and Witt for their main arguments and rebutall, and the order in which they shall speak will be determined. These details will be submitted to Attorney R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, for approval.

At the Monday night debate Witt asked Norton about several bond issue questions. These will be answered next Wednesday.

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The Democratic organization Wednesday found itself in the position of "now that we have got it what are we going to do wit it?" in regard to Tractioner Witt and his campaign speeches. For some time the organization has been trying to have Witt refrain from attacking everybody he doesn't like, from calling hecklers in the audience "boneheads" and "ivory-tops" and from taking covert raps at Democratic state officials, past and present.

Tuesday night they succeeded. In a tent meeting at W. 38th st. and Franklin ave. Witt went through his entire speech without making any attack, except that on The News and The Leader, for what Witt said was unfairness in presenting all traction questions to the readers of the two papers.

Municipal light, the street car service, and his own fight from the bottom up furnished Witt's material.

But—

After it was all over the organization men in the tent wondered where all the enthusiasm was. They agreed Witt had made a great speech and then as suddenly realized that people hadn't been applauding the Witt-Baker campaign issues but the "skinnings" Witt has indulged in.

Now they wonder whether to take a chance on cold Witt meetings, devoid of personal attack, or let Witt have his own way and take a chance on the effect it will have on election day and on Mayor Baker's state and national political ambitions.

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Charles P. Salen organization workers were busy Wednesday arranging details for direct ward campaigns that will carry into every Cleveland precinct the Salen "contract" and the policies Salen promises to inaugurate if elected mayor.

Fred C. Emde, former Democratic city infirmary superintendent, has joined the Salen forces and will make a number of speeches for Salen.

Tuesday night Salen spoke at the Moose Club and at the Roma restaurant, 1048 Prospect ave.

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Harry L. Davis told an audience in the Fourteenth Ward Republican Club's hall, E. 55th st. and Francis ave., Tuesday night that he wanted to be elected mayor so he would be in a position to do the city a great deal of good.

He also repeated his plan to change the civil service laws to take from the mayor absolute power to dismiss and appoint civil service commissioners, and again promised an efficient and economical administration.

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Political friends of Mayor Baker refuse to take very seriously the declaration of Baker that he positively will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor. Wednesday they went even further and saw Baker as a presidential possibility in 1920.

At the opening of Tractioner Witt's campaign in Acme hall Baker painted a word picture of the man he believes should be nominated for governor. Next day he said he wasn't thinking of himself at all.

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Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League, Wednesday announced that the league's bulletin on candidates for election will be issued about October 20. Every candidate will be discussed, Fesler said.

After election the league may take up charges that Andrew Pilosi, 1287 W. 69th st., was dismissed as a park employee because he favored Charles P. Salen over Tractioner Witt in the mayoralty campaign. Fesler said the league is too busy with other work now to take this matter up.

$234,802 WON BY CITY IN OLD TUNNEL CASE

Supreme Court Gives Verdict Against W. J. Gawne, East Side Tube Builder.

SUIT HAS BEEN FOUGHT IN COURTS SINCE 1903

When Mandate Arrives City Will Call on Bonding Company to Pay Up.

Ohio supreme court judges, at Columbus Wednesday, gave the city judgment for $234,802 against W. J. Gawne, contractor, for alleged faulty work on the five mile East Side waterworks tunnel stretching out into Lake Erie from the foot of E. 49th st.

The highest court thereby upheld the decision of appellate court here, enriched waterworks funds by nearly a quarter of a million dollars and handed down to city hall its second largest court verdict.

Will Call On Bondsmen.

Law Director Stockwell and Assistant Director Young, who, with Mayor Baker, argued the case at Columbus two months ago, said Wednesday that as soon as the court's mandate reaches Cleveland they will make demands for immediate settlement from the Fidelity & Casualty Company of Maryland, which was on Gawne's bond. Both Stockwell and Young expect the company to contest payment if any grounds for litigation have been left open.

The suit grew out of disasters to the tunnel in 1903, which culminated when water gas exploded, forced out a shield and cost the lives of a score of workmen. The city immediately took the work from Gawne's hands and proceeded by direct labor. It held back $50,000 due Gawne and refused to pay this amount.

Gawne then sued the city for $153,147, asking for the $50,000 held back by the city and extras totaling $103,147. The city cross-petitioned and asked for $442,065 damages.

Common pleas court gave the city a judgment for $284,802 against Gawne. Appellate court cut this amount to $234,802, deducting the $50,000 the city held back of Gawne's pay.

As a result of the judgment the total cost of the tunnel to the city is $483,142. The city paid Gawne $416,805 for his work and spent an additional $311,139 to complete the job, making a total outlay of $727,944.

The city's counter claim against Gawne consisted of $250,000 damages for improper construction and $119,073, being the difference in the sum it cost the city to complete the work and the amount which would have been paid to Gawne had he carried out the contract.

"Job Viewed With Horror."

Gawne's claim against the citw was for hospital and funeral expenses of men killed in the tunnels by fire and explosion, for delays in work claimed to have been made at the city's instigation, for the increased cost of labor over the amount figured upon, and for the $50,000 held back by the city.

The city charged that the major portion of the tunnel built by Gawne was "leaky, defective, insecure and unreliable." It further alleged that the construction was attended by disasters so frequent and so costly of human life that the community regarded the enterprise with horror.

The contract called for a tunnel 26,000 feet long. When the work was taken from Gawne he had completed all except 3,643 feet.

Throughout the entire proceedings Gawne was the only defendant. Courts refused to permit the city to sue the bonding company as a co-defendant on the ground the city's action was a counter claim.

"With the exception of the successful Bath st. suit the Gawne decision is the most favorable ever to the city," Stockwell declared Wednesday. "We will make an immediate demand on the bonding company. The waterworks necessarily will obtain the money."

Utilities Director Stage said Wednesday the $234,802 will be credited to the waterworks' general fund.

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LAWYERS SEEK FUND TO ELECT MUNY JUDGES

Sam Scovil Makes Open Attack on Muny Light After Mayor Dares Him to Prove Plant is Losing Money.

A campaign fund of $3000 is being raised by the Cleveland bar association to elect the muny judgeship candidates recently indorsed by that organization.

Letters soliciting contributions have been received by the 700 members of the association.

Some of the letters ask $5, others larger amounts. In a printed letter, the space reserved for the amount is left blank and filled in according to the number of attorneys in the firm to which it is sent.

This fact caused a number of attorneys to object strenuously.

"The letters requesting the money were written before I was asked to lend the use of my name as chairman of the campaign committee," said William L. David. "My name is merely affixed to the letter with a rubber stamp.

"I cannot say what demand is being made, but it is my understanding that the fund was to be raised at $5 from each attorney."

Miller Responsible.

"I'm responsible for soliciting the money this way," said Maj. Charles R. Miller, president of the bar association. "We needed about $3000 to spend on publicity work for the candidates. I thought we would get about 600 attorneys to contribute, and on that basis figured we should ask for $5 each.

"Law firms that have five members are being asked for $25, while firms with 20 attorneys are requested to contribute $100.

"We plan a dignified publicity campaign, feeling it our duty to aid the voters in selecting judges from so large a field of candidates."

Samuel Scovil, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. president, Wednesday made an open attack on the muny light plant, which he termed "A new broom that soon will not be sweeping so clean."

Scovil's statement resulted from the offer made by Mayor Baker Tuesday night to abandon the muny light plant if Scovil can prove it is not saving the citizens money.

Baker offered to throw open the muny plant books to Scovil if Scovil will throw open his books, and shouted, "He don't dare!"

Scovil said it was foolishness for Baker "to talk that way," because C. E. I. books, he said, must be thrown open at the hearing before the utilities commission on a low light rate ordinance.

"Administration Pet."

"I know the municipal plant is not paying interest charges out of its earnings, and that proper charges have not been put against it on its books," said Scovil.

"The muny plant is the administration pet, put in operation for political argument. It has put the burden on taxpayers. No municipal plant in the country can approach privately-owned operation."

Baker's challenge to Scovil was issued in the democratic tent at W. 38th-st and Franklin-av, where Peter Witt traced his four years as tractioner.

Light Commissioner Ballard Wednesday issued his second muny light plant bulletin, in which he swings the sledge on statements concerning the plant made in a yellow booklet put out weeks ago by H. W. Wilson, C. E. I. employe.

Shows Profits Are $6789.

Ballard's bulletin shows the muny plant's profits for the first eight months of 1915 to have been $6789. It shows the muny plant completion has brought this result in a year:

Saved to muny plant power customers, $109,948; saved to C. E. I. power users by rate reduction, $542,874; saved for resident users of muny plant light, $197,371; saved for C. E. I. lighting customers, $122,962.

In addition, the booklet points out, the muny plant is saving the city $112,054 a year on street lighting.

Ballard flatly denies the charge of the yellow booklet that interest charges on the plant were not paid from its earnings.

Ballard sums up the plant success in this sentence:

"We have reached the point where our revenue is sufficient to pay all operating expenses and interest, and to build up a comfortable surplus, so that for 1916 the director of finance can certify to and sinking fund on outstanding muny light bonds."

2000 at Tent Meeting.

Two thousand men and women applauded Witt and Mayor Baker at the tent meeting.

By all odds it was the most remarkable meeting so far in the campaign. The hecklers kept still. Old men smoked pipes thoughtfully, women stood for two hours in the crowd patiently, while the outgoing mayor and the candidate for his job talked.

Here's how Witt told it:

"Everybody thought the first thing I'd do when I became tractioner Jan. 1, 1912, would be to bite John Stanley of the Concon in the leg. But I went on the job to work, not to talk.

"In three years and nine months we have bought 10 per cent of all the new cars made in the country for Cleveland. We have increased car seating capacity by 71 per cent.

"We have under way a $1,250,000 car shop, capable of handling 3000 cars. We have 1450 cars in operation. Four years ago there were only 800 cars fit for winter use.

"We have built three cross-town lines in two years, against the two that were built in the previous 60 years.

"It has all been done under 3-cent fare. And when the interest fund, which is now $575,000, climbs back to $700,000, you'll again have your free transfers."

Accuses Newspapers.

Witt charged that the "newspapers owned by my dear friend Dan Hanna," have systematically opposed every move he has made in office, and have "maliciously misrepresented" his work.

"The people behind these newspapers don't want the enterprise to succeed," he said. "They hope to make of it a political card, and hope to sail into power on the back of some candidate.

"The Leader charged I was dishonest because I knew John Stanley was buying the right-of-way for the E. 79th-st line. Well, if I hadn't kept still about it, it would have cost $100,000 more.

"The News had phantom cars grinding children to death on the line, and said it wasn't needed. In the second month of its operation, we carried 879,000 riders on the E. 79th-st line."

Witt told of installing the loop system and the pay-leave plan to save time, and of the increase in car trips to 16,000 a day.

"We put in the Denison-Harvard line in the face of a big loss because we knew it would save the man who had to go from Brooklyn to Newburg nine miles of travel," he continued.

Promises New Line.

"We've run the cars into Garfield park, and I promise you that as mayor, I'm going to have a car line from Bulkley boulevard clear to Lake-av in Edgewater park."

Witt drew applause when he added:

"Can I be blamed for wanting to be mayor of a city I'm so proud of? They ask why I want the mayoralty. For the wife who has made my career possible? Yes. For the legacy I might leave my three children? Yes.

"But for myself I want the job to help hurry along the golden day when the world will be really a good place for the toiler to live."

Baker opened by swatting Miner Norton's charge the city lost money by failing to readvertise for bids on filter plant boilers. He said new bids were obtained, and the contract let at the same price.

Then he told of the country-wide publicity campaign by private lighting companies to "slander and misrepresent" the muny light plant.

"It was said the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. spent $100,000 opposing annexation of Brooklyn, our first step toward a muny plant," said Baker. "Yet we won by a vote of 57,335 to 22,000.

"With an investment of $2,700,000, our light plant, thru its own low rates and thru forcing the C. E. I. to cut power rates, has saved to consumers a total of $1,029,678."

DAVIS HECKLED FOR FIRST TIME

Gives Sharp Answer When Asked About Charter Stand.

Harry L. Davis in his mayoralty campaign is mixing wholesale hand-shaking with speaking in ward halls.

He spoke at one meeting Tuesday night and extended the "glad hand" to hundreds at three meetings: in the Ohio city club, the Moose club and a Woodmen's lodge.

Davis was heckled for the first time at a meeting Tuesday night in the fourteenth ward, his birthplace.

He was attacking the charter provision which places the appointment of civil service commissioners in the hands of the mayor when a hearer demanded:

"Where were you when that provision was put into the charter?"

"What's your name?" Davis countered.

"None o' your business," replied the questioner and a Davis supporter shouted: "He's the democratic leader out here."

Davis continued: "Well, never mind the name. If he will look up the articles on the charter I wrote for the newspapers, he'll find out where I was. I pointed out the dangers of this provision."

"You're taking credit for something you didn't write," the heckler retorted.

Davis replied hotly: "I'd like to have you prove that statement or shut your mouth."

Davis scored the preferential voting system as having been "worked up by the administration to confuse the voters and build up a political machine."

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WITT, IF ELECTED, PROMISES EFFORT TO REFORM TAXES

Says He'd Go to Ohio Legislature to Keep Money for Cities That Now Goes to State Funds.

Davis Declares if Successful at Polls He Would Not be Managed by Cliques at City Hall.

SALEN MAINTAINS CITY OFFICIALS WASTE MONEY

Baker Defends His Policy in Building Filtration Plant.

Yesterday in Politics.

Three candidates for mayor were active on the stump last night.

Peter Witt and Mayor Newton D. Baker carried to another West Side meeting a continuation of their story of what Cleveland people have accomplished for themselves. Mr. Witt told of street railway operation under municipal control, and declared for taxation reform.

Harry L. Davis, before the Seventeenth Ward Republican club in Rock's hall, Woodland-av S. E. and E. 55th-st, charged the Baker administration with extravagance, and promised to see that the "people get their money's worth" if elected.

Charles P. Salen, in West Side meetings promised to work for a West Side railroad station if elected. He attacked the plan for subway approaches to the new high level bridge. He said Witt campaign buttons were not union made.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night with all the emphasis at his command pledged that if elected mayor he would go to the legislature of Ohio as the representative of 700,000 people demanding, not requesting, relief in taxation for Cleveland and all the cities of the state.

He would fight so persistently and so long that reform must result, he promised.

He further pledged that if elected there would be no reduction in governmental operations even should the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue be defeated. He would carry the city forward, trusting to the future for the desired taxation relief from the legislature, he asserted.

Disregard Bad Weather.

The street railway commissioner and the mayor talked to a crowd that went to the Democratic tent at Madison-av N. W. and W. 99th-st under umbrellas, disregarding the rain, and for another time the tent was filled to overflowing. Men and women stood around the seated assemblage, and from the entrance crowded into the aisle to stand, that they might be out of the wet.

The pattering on the canvas once or twice made the voices of the speakers hardly distinguishable. Candidate Witt, hoarse from his earlier campaigning, said when he began there were only two ways to cure his voice, "rest or wear it out."

"I can't rest, so I'm going to wear it out," he asserted, and the crowd laughed and applauded.

It was after discussing his record as street railway commissioner, declaring he had been holding "a job, not an office, because an office is a name and a job is where you work," that Mr. Witt turned to the future of Cleveland.

"It is important, of course," he said, "that the city own and control all its utilities and engage in more municipal activities rather than less."

But the city cannot, he said, until relief comes from the legislature, bring about taxation reform. He said $550,000 of saloon license money was lopped off when the number of saloon licenses was decreased, and that although municipal activities had immeasurably increased, the Baker administration operated the city at less than the Baehr administration did.

He said some candidates were advocating "live within your means." But, he asserted, advocating approval of the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue, that if the issue should be defeated, and the next mayor "lived within his means," it would require decreasing by half all municipal operations, including the police and fire departments. Then he shot this promise at them:

"But whether you vote the issue up or not, I promise you here and now I will run the city as it has been run in the past. There will be no reduction of the police and fire departments, the activities of the welfare department. I'll trust to the future that I can get the remedy from the state legislature to give enough money to run the city as the people of Cleveland demand."

Loud applause followed.

The commissioner reiterated his stand for keeping for the city's use $500,000 yearly going to the county for county roads, $400,000 yearly going to the state for Ohio roads, and the $500,000 of liquor license money collected in Cleveland that goes to the state.

"I want the power of mayor," he cried, "representing 700,000 people, to appear before the legislature in Columbus not asking, but demanding that justice be done in the relation of the man in the city to him who lives on a farm!" Applause interrupted him.

"You're paying $4,000,000 yearly for operation of your city affairs, but you're paying more than $4,000,000 yearly to the state of Ohio. And what do you get back from the state? Part of the salary in the judges in the court house. That's about all.

"As mayor, I promise you I will go to Columbus and demand so long, and so loud and so often, that relief must come."

Discussing the street railway commissioner's office, Mr. Witt said in the twenty-two months of the Baehr administration "not an inch of extension was laid, not a car was bought, not a building was erected, and the only thing that happened was the man who held the job as commissioner became champion golf player."

He explained the Tayler grant. He told of the cars added to the system, of the introduction of trailer operation. No railway in the United States "or perhaps the world" has progressed as has the Cleveland system under municipal control in the past three years and nine months, he declared.

The railway was rehabilitated and made the finest in the United States, he asserted. He said the increase in fare was caused by two conditions which made the interest fund drop below $300,000, scrapping of $900,000 worth of power machinery, which he declared should have been scrapped by the Baehr administration, and the lull in industrial conditions following the outbreak of the war. In September 240,000 less people were carried by the street cars than in the same month a year ago, when there should have been an increase of 2,000,000, he pointed out.

The penny charge for a transfer is producing $65,000 a month, the interest fund now stands at $540,000, and when it reaches $700,000, fare will go back to the flat 3-cent rate, Mr. Witt explained. He said he told the story as an illustration of the working out of the principle of the Tayler grant, "transportation at cost."

Mayor Baker, after speaking briefly for Tim Long, who presided, for council in Ward 1, and urging election of a council in sympathy with the aims of the mayor elected, said while Mr. Witt had indorsed his administration, he felt he himself was the one to defend it, and that he was "glad to do it." Before starting, the mayor invited the fullest and freest questioning. He flung down a challenge on the record of his administration.

"I do claim," he cried, "and am willing to defend in any presence, that the administration of the last four years has been honest!" There was a burst of applause.

"I do claim and am willing to defend the proposition that the administration has attended to its business, has been zealous and painstaking. I also defend the administration as having made enormous municipal progress in carrying forward the physical things which make for the better, more economical and more healthful living of the city's people."

The mayor took up the story of the filtration plant. He answered statements of Miner G. Norton made in debate with Mr. Witt Monday night which the mayor said were "scandalous, untrue and unjust" in their intimation that there was a significant reason for letting of the contract for building the filtration plant to a firm with which Mr. Norton said the city filtration plant engineer had had dealings before.

"In the first place, Mr. Pratt had nothing at all to do with letting the contract," said the mayor. "Mr. Pratt is an engineer, nothing else. He is not a politician, he is not a grafter. I want to repudiate in this most public way that he knew of or had any interest in the letting of that contract."

In December or January, the mayor declared, the filtration plant will be in operation, and Cleveland will be supplied with water taken from five miles out in the lake, purified and repumped through the Division-st pumping station.

The mayor, as a climax to his story of the water situation, read the death rate of Cleveland, 12.92 a thousand, comparing it with the rates of other cities, all higher, and pointing out no city in the country of 50,000 inhabitants has as low a rate of mortality.

That, he said, is one of the great indications of progress, care and success of the Baker administration.

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It is claimed that the sy[illegible] the finest in the country. [illegible] thirty-five miles of extension [illegible] been built in the last four ye[illegible] shops with a capacity for 3,[illegible] have been erected at Harvar[illegible] Independence-rd S. E. Fo[illegible] operating stations have b[illegible] lished, two now in use and [illegible] two in process of constructio[illegible] sixty-eight more miles of tra[illegible] in use than in 1912 and about [illegible] five miles of old track have bee[illegible] laid.

WITT, IF ELECTED, PROMISES EFFORT TO REFORM TAXES

Says He'd Go to Ohio Legislature to Keep Money for Cities That Now Goes to State Funds.

Davis Declares if Successful at Polls He Would Not be Managed by Cliques at City Hall.

SALEN MAINTAINS CITY OFFICIALS WASTE MONEY

Baker Defends His Policy in Building Filtration Plant.

Yesterday in Politics.

Three candidates for mayor were active on the stump last night.

Peter Witt and Mayor Newton D. Baker carried to another West Side meeting a continuation of their story of what Cleveland people have accomplished for themselves. Mr. Witt told of street railway operation under municipal control, and declared for taxation reform.

Harry L. Davis, before the Seventeenth Ward Republican club in Rock's hall, Woodland-av S. E. and E. 55th-st, charged the Baker administration with extravagance, and promised to see that the "people get their money's worth" if elected.

Charles P. Salen, in West Side meetings promised to work for a West Side railroad station if elected. He attacked the plan for subway approaches to the new high level bridge. He said Witt campaign buttons were not union made.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night with all the emphasis at his command pledged that if elected mayor he would go to the legislature of Ohio as the representative of 700,000 people demanding, not requesting, relief in taxation for Cleveland and all the cities of the state.

He would fight so persistently and so long that reform must result, he promised.

He further pledged that if elected there would be no reduction in governmental operations even should the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue be defeated. He would carry the city forward, trusting to the future for the desired taxation relief from the legislature, he asserted.

Disregard Bad Weather.

The street railway commissioner and the mayor talked to a crowd that went to the Democratic tent at Madison-av N. W. and W. 99th-st under umbrellas, disregarding the rain, and for another time the tent was filled to overflowing. Men and women stood around the seated assemblage, and from the entrance crowded into the aisle to stand, that they might be out of the wet.

The pattering on the canvas once or twice made the voices of the speakers hardly distinguishable. Candidate Witt, hoarse from his earlier campaigning, said when he began there were only two ways to cure his voice, "rest or wear it out."

"I can't rest, so I'm going to wear it out," he asserted, and the crowd laughed and applauded.

It was after discussing his record as street railway commissioner, declaring he had been holding "a job, not an office, because an office is a name and a job is where you work," that Mr. Witt turned to the future of Cleveland.

"It is important, of course," he said, "that the city own and control all its utilities and engage in more municipal activities rather than less."

But the city cannot, he said, until relief comes from the legislature, bring about taxation reform. He said $550,000 of saloon license money was lopped off when the number of saloon licenses was decreased, and that although municipal activities had immeasurably increased, the Baker administration operated the city at less than the Baehr administration did.

He said some candidates were advocating "live within your means." But, he asserted, advocating approval of the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue, that if the issue should be defeated, and the next mayor "lived within his means," it would require decreasing by half all municipal operations, including the police and fire departments. Then he shot this promise at them:

"But whether you vote the issue up or not, I promise you here and now I will run the city as it has been run in the past. There will be no reduction of the police and fire departments, the activities of the welfare department. I'll trust to the future that I can get the remedy from the state legislature to give enough money to run the city as the people of Cleveland demand."

Loud applause followed.

The commissioner reiterated his stand for keeping for the city's use $500,000 yearly going to the county for county roads, $400,000 yearly going to the state for Ohio roads, and the $500,000 of liquor license money collected in Cleveland that goes to the state.

"I want the power of mayor," he cried, "representing 700,000 people, to appear before the legislature in Columbus not asking, but demanding that justice be done in the relation of the man in the city to him who lives on a farm!" Applause interrupted him.

"You're paying $4,000,000 yearly for operation of your city affairs, but you're paying more than $4,000,000 yearly to the state of Ohio. And what do you get back from the state? Part of the salary in the judges in the court house. That's about all.

"As mayor, I promise you I will go to Columbus and demand so long, and so loud and so often, that relief must come."

Discussing the street railway commissioner's office, Mr. Witt said in the twenty-two months of the Baehr administration "not an inch of extension was laid, not a car was bought, not a building was erected, and the only thing that happened was the man who held the job as commissioner became champion golf player."

He explained the Tayler grant. He told of the cars added to the system, of the introduction of trailer operation. No railway in the United States "or perhaps the world" has progressed as has the Cleveland system under municipal control in the past three years and nine months, he declared.

The railway was rehabilitated and made the finest in the United States, he asserted. He said the increase in fare was caused by two conditions which made the interest fund drop below $300,000, scrapping of $900,000 worth of power machinery, which he declared should have been scrapped by the Baehr administration, and the lull in industrial conditions following the outbreak of the war. In September 240,000 less people were carried by the street cars than in the same month a year ago, when there should have been an increase of 2,000,000, he pointed out.

The penny charge for a transfer is producing $65,000 a month, the interest fund now stands at $540,000, and when it reaches $700,000, fare will go back to the flat 3-cent rate, Mr. Witt explained. He said he told the story as an illustration of the working out of the principle of the Tayler grant, "transportation at cost."

Mayor Baker, after speaking briefly for Tim Long, who presided, for council in Ward 1, and urging election of a council in sympathy with the aims of the mayor elected, said while Mr. Witt had indorsed his administration, he felt he himself was the one to defend it, and that he was "glad to do it." Before starting, the mayor invited the fullest and freest questioning. He flung down a challenge on the record of his administration.

"I do claim," he cried, "and am willing to defend in any presence, that the administration of the last four years has been honest!" There was a burst of applause.

"I do claim and am willing to defend the proposition that the administration has attended to its business, has been zealous and painstaking. I also defend the administration as having made enormous municipal progress in carrying forward the physical things which make for the better, more economical and more healthful living of the city's people."

The mayor took up the story of the filtration plant. He answered statements of Miner G. Norton made in debate with Mr. Witt Monday night which the mayor said were "scandalous, untrue and unjust" in their intimation that there was a significant reason for letting of the contract for building the filtration plant to a firm with which Mr. Norton said the city filtration plant engineer had had dealings before.

"In the first place, Mr. Pratt had nothing at all to do with letting the contract," said the mayor. "Mr. Pratt is an engineer, nothing else. He is not a politician, he is not a grafter. I want to repudiate in this most public way that he knew of or had any interest in the letting of that contract."

In December or January, the mayor declared, the filtration plant will be in operation, and Cleveland will be supplied with water taken from five miles out in the lake, purified and repumped through the Division-st pumping station.

The mayor, as a climax to his story of the water situation, read the death rate of Cleveland, 12.92 a thousand, comparing it with the rates of other cities, all higher, and pointing out no city in the country of 50,000 inhabitants has as low a rate of mortality.

That, he said, is one of the great indications of progress, care and success of the Baker administration.

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WANTS TO DEBATE WITT ON CAR ISSUE

Ruthenberg Sends Challenge to Discuss City Ownership of Street Railway.

Socialist Candidate Picks Up Gauntlet of Democratic Contender.

C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate for mayor, yesterday challenged Peter Witt, administration candidate, to debate the question of immediate municipal ownership of the street railways, Mr. Ruthenberg to advocate and Mr. Witt to oppose it.

The Socialist leader quotes, in a letter of challenge sent the street railway commissioner, from Mr. Witt's speech Monday night, when he assailed those he said did not have the courage to meet challengers in political debate.

This was the letter sent by Mr. Ruthenberg:

"The proposal of the Socialist party to establish municipal ownership of the street car system is undoubtedly the most important matter which the voters will pass upon in this election.

"Having publicly expressed your opinion that 'any man who refuses to meet another on the same platform in political debate either has no brains to present his cause or the decency to defend his argument in the opposition's presence,' and also stated that you intended voting against the Socialist ordinance, you will no doubt welcome the opportunity to discuss in debate the question, which, as street railway commissioner, the electors have a peculiar right to hear from you.

"With these facts in mind I suggest a debate, or series of debates on the subject, 'Resolved, that the city should establish municipal ownership of the car lines at once,' you to take the negative and I the affirmative.

"Upon receipt of your acceptance of this challenge I will be glad to take up the detailed arrangements with you."

The Socialist candidate at 12:15 p. m. Saturday in Public square will speak on "The Facts About the Street Railway Situation," according to announcement yesterday.

Davis Says If Elected Cliques Won't Run Him

Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, is full of confidence.

"I'd be satisfied if election day was tomorrow," he told members of the Seventeenth Ward Republican club at a meeting in Rock's hall, Woodland-av S. E. and E. 55th-st, last night. "Never was I more confident of election."

Mr. Davis spoke for the election of a Republican president next year, saying hard times come to the working people under Democratic rule.

"As your mayor," he said, "I will not be controlled by any set or clique of men. The only promises I will make will be to the public and they will be the only ones I shall have to fill."

Mr. Davis' remarks were partisan all the way through. He continued:

"I don't want anyone to think I am trying to fool them as to what party I belong. I am a Republican and I am proud of my long connection with the Republican party. It is important that after Nov. 2 it be telegraphed throughout the United States that Cleveland has decided for the party that means great prosperity."

Mr. Davis then talked for economy in the administration of city affairs.

"Cleveland's next mayor," he said, "must so conduct the affairs of the city that every dollar spent will bring 100 cents in value."

The speaker advocated consolidation of the street repair and street cleaning departments under one head. He also asked that payments at the city hall for light, water and assessments be made at one office, to avoid duplication in bookkeeping. He spoke in behalf of the minimum wage amendment to the charter and said he wanted all his friends to vote for it because he thought it would be for the good of the city.

Not much attention was given to other campaign issues but Mr. Davis said these would be gone into at the tent meeting at Forman-av and Broadway S. E. Saturday night.

Former County Commissioner Harry L. Vail said the 3-cent fare fight and other big improvements in Cleveland were started under the Republican administration of former Mayor Robert E. McKisson.

Mr. Vail also said former Gov. Judson Harmon put the Smith 1 per cent. law on the statute books to keep municipalities from spending more money than is gained by taxes, and charged that the $1,500,000 bond issue to be voted on this fall was evidence of extravagance by the present administration.

He said he thought Harry L. Davis has the best chance of being elected mayor and that Mr. Davis stood for the laboring people ten times where Peter Witt stood once.

George E. Whitehouse, Republican, candidate for councilman from the seventeenth ward, promised to work for the opening of E. 61st-st and E. 65th-st and for the opening of E. 71st-st to make it a continuous thoroughfare from Gordon park to Harvard-av S. E. He promised to call regular meetings of his constituents to consider matters of the ward, offering to pay the hall expense himself if need be.

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WITT DARED TO DEBATE ISSUES BY RUTHENBERG

Socialist Seeks Discussion on Municipal Ownership of Street Car Lines—"Big Four" to Address Club.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Adding to the gayety of the municipal campaign, C. E. Ruthernberg, Socialist candidate for mayor, yesterday challenged Peter Witt, Democratic organization candidate, to one or more public debates on the question of municipal ownership of the street car lines.

Ruthenberg, who was not included in the challenge of Witt that brought about the latter's debate with Miner G. Norton last Monday night, doesn't see how the traction commissioner can decline to meet him on the stump.

Witt, in scoring Harry L. Davis and Charles P. Salen for failure to accept his challenge, said Monday night, "Any man who refuses to meet another on the same platform in political debate either has not the brains to present his cause or the decency to defend his argument in the opposition's presence."

This declaration is quoted by Ruthenberg in his letter to Witt in which he says:

> The proposal of the Socialist party to establish municipal ownership of the street car system is undoubtedly the most important matter which the voters will pass upon in this election.
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> Having publicly expressed your opinion that "any man who refuses to meet another on the same platform in political debate either has no brains to present his cause or the decency to defend his argument in the opposition's presence," and also stated that you intended voting against the Socialist ordinance, you will no doubt welcome the opportunity to discuss in debate the question on which, as street railway commissioner, the electors have a peculiar right to hear from you.
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> With these facts in mind I suggest a debate, or series of debates on the subject, "Resolved, that the city should establish municipal ownership of the car lines at once," you to take the negative and I the affirmative.
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> Upon receipt of your acceptance of this challenge I will be glad to take up the detailed arrangements with you.

The second debate between Witt and Norton will take place next Wednesday night at the Grays' armory.

This was decided yesterday by Norton, and Robert J. Buckley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, acting for Witt. The Democratic tent would have been available for the talkfest but Norton said the second debate was to be "his party" as the first had been Witt's.

The detailed arrangements for the debate will be made later in the week.

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Fifteen-minute speeches are to be made by four candidates for mayor—Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen and Peter Witt—Friday, October 22, before the Young Men's Business Club at its building, 2738 Prospect ave. The order of speaking, already determined by lot, will be Salen, Norton, Witt and Davis. Salen will open the talkfest at 8:15 p. m.

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The Northeastern Republican Club at its meeting in Dunlavey hall, St. Clair ave. and E. 72d st., last night, indorsed Fred Leak for councilman from the twenty-third ward.

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Ask Candidates to Speak.

An invitation was extended Miner G. Norton and Harry L. Davis to address the club a week from tonight.

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Thomas W. Fleming, one of the half dozen council candidates in the eleventh ward, yesterday accepted the challenge of Maurice H. Gelfand, one of his opponents, for a joint debate. In a letter to Gelfand, Fleming says he hopes the other candidates also will accept the challenge and avail themselves of the opportunity to appear before the voters and discuss ward issues.

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Davis

DAVIS SEEKS TO WIN TWO TERMS

Candidate Says He'll Merit Reelection by Working for People, Not Political Clique.

Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, is a firm believer in the slogan, "One good term deserves another." He announced last night that if elected mayor next month he would expect to be returned to office for another term two years hence.

"Ir elected I expect to come back to you at the end of two years and say to you, 'Boys, I have done what you wanted me to,'" he said. "Then you will say to me, 'Go back for two years more. You have done your duty.'"

Davis declared in favor of the minimum wage amendment to the city charter and advised the men to vote for it.

"If I were going to select a title for my speech I would call it, 'Minding Your Own Business,'" he said. "The city business is your business and minding it is minding your own business.

Scores Clique Control.

"As your mayor I will not be controlled by any gang or clique of men. The things I do will be done for you and not for any machine. I purpose to consolidate the street repair and street cleaning departments and the light and water departments.

"Money will be saved in bookkeeping and other overhead expenses. The man who pays his water rent can pay his light bills at the same time without going to another office as he does now. In the street department I would engage a competent engineer to run both departments."

He repeated his answer to the Democratic charge that he had stolen a plank from them when he proposed that the county and city governments be combined. He declared that the Democrats had been in power thirteen out of fifteen years and had made no move to carry out the plan.

The meeting was held in Dock's hall, E. 55th st. and Woodland ave. Harry L. Vail, former county commissioner, also spoke.

Boosters Start Work.

Detail organization work for the Davis campaign was started last night with a meeting of precinct committeemen from wards 3, 4, 12, 13, 14 and 15, held at 714 Schofield building. About seventy-five workers were present.

Judge Fielder Sanders, chairman of the Davis organization committee, who presided, told the precinct committeemen he did not purpose to talk to them on the issues of the campaign.

What he desired was to impress upon them that what was wanted was an army of workers loyal to Harry L. Davis' candidacy for mayor. He told the workers they were the brawn and sinew of the Republican party, and the men who were looked to by their leaders to make Davis sentiment.

Beginning next Monday, the precinct committeemen from other wards will be called to headquarters for conferences.

The general organization committee for the Davis campaign will meet tonight to appoint subcommittees that will have charge of ward organizations and the making of arrangements for shop, street and home

Witt

DEFICIT WILL NOT BOTHER ME—WITT

Candidate to Complete Present Activities With or Without $1,500,000 Bond Issue.

Municipal activities will be carried on just as at present, if Peter Witt is elected mayor, even though the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue is not carried at the November election. Witt made this promise last night.

Speaking at a meeting at Madison ave. and W. 99th st., Witt urged the audience, which filled the rain-swept tent, to vote for the bond issue to meet deficits incurred largely by the Baker administration.

"I'll run the city government just as completely as it has been run in the past even if the bond issue is not carried," said Witt. "I will not lay off a patrolman or a fireman or stop any welfare activities. I'll bank on getting future relief from the legislature. I will go down to Columbus and not only ask but demand laws to give us revenue to run the city as the people want it run."

Uncollected Taxes Spent.

Witt said it was foolish for opposing candidates to talk about running the city within its means next year unless the bond issue was passed, as $1,500,000 of next year's tax funds had already been spent.

County commissioners should cease to put down any more pavements in the country until the city gets what is coming to it, Witt said. He also declared that Clevelanders paid state tax out of all proportion to services rendered by the state here.

Witt devoted most of his time to a discussion of the operation of the street railway system. He was hoarse and during the early part of the meeting found difficulty in making himself heard above the pattering rain.

He avoided personalities, made no reference by name to opposing candidates and the address was free from the vitriolic utterances that had marked previous addresses during the campaign.

Mayor Baker was the only other speaker. He urged voters to support Timothy Long, the administration candidate for council in the first ward. Baker said that it was important for a mayor to have men in the council who were in sympathy with his views. He said that it would be a "vain" thing for voters to elect a hostile council.

Baker on Filter Plant.

The mayor announced that he proposed to discuss some municipal projects each night of the campaign. Last night he selected the Division filtration plant.

He said that Miner G. Norton's charges in reference to the letting of the filtration plant contract were "scandalous, unjust, untrue and out of keeping with Mr. Norton's usual methods of debate."

Baker made no reference to the several years that he consistently opposed filtration. He said the typhoid fever rate did not begin to go up until after the big floods of 1913. He said that the plant would be in operation before the first of the year.

Norton

NORTON BOOSTERS ORGANIZE TONIGHT

Candidate Answers Industrial Association's Questions; Square Deal for Capital and Labor.

Organization of a general committee for Miner G. Norton's mayoralty campaign will be perfected tonight at a conference in Letter Carriers' hall, Beckman building, 409 W. Superior ave. It is expected the committee as soon as formed will appoint subcommittees on ward organizations, meetings and speakers. An executive committee also will be named.

Norton, in accordance with a declaration some time since that he had given no pre-election promises to any individual or organization and purposed to make public every statement of that character, yesterday gave out for publication his replies to questions asked of him by the Industrial Association of Cleveland.

In reply to the questions put to him by C. O. Bartlett, president of the association, and Edward Hobday, its counsel and secretary, Norton said as a candidate for mayor he stood for the following propositions:

An economical and business administration.

Enforcement of law and order; and diligent and zealous prosecution of perpetrators of crimes and misdemeanors by the city law department in the criminal branch of the municipal court.

Awarding all public contracts pursuant to law to the lowest and best bidder; and all questions of doubt as to the best bidder to be resolved in favor of bidders resident of the city of Cleveland or environs.

That both capital and labor and employer and employee are essential to prosperity; that their mutual differences or matters arising between them and requiring adjustment should be settled lawfully and in a fair, square and equitable manner; and that no discrimination against or preferences for either class should be made or manifested in administration of the city's government.

Salen

SALEN CALLS WITT BUTTON NONUNION

Candidate Fights Bridge Subways, Demands Railroad Station for West Side.

The campaign button bearing a picture of Peter Witt, and circulated by the Peter Witt Labor Club, is not union made, Charles P. Salen, Democratic mayoralty candidate, charged in speeches at two ward meetings last night. He declared his intentions of notifying the Witt club to that effect today.

The Witt buttons do not bear the stamp of the sheet metal workers' union as campaign buttons of the wets and other political factions do, according to Salen. Instead a piece of paper covers the back, where the metal workers' stamp is generally shown. The paper bears a typographical union label only.

Says Buttons Deceive.

Salen asserted the buttons must bear the metal workers' stamp to be strictly union made buttons and charged the paper bearing the stamp of the typographical union was placed in the back to deceive union men.

"The Peter Witt Labor Club, boasting of a strictly union membership, finds itself in the peculiar position of pinning nonunion made buttons upon union men," said Salen. "I would like to have Witt, who is talking about his warm friendship for organized labor, explain this matter."

Salen came out strongly against the construction of subways at the approaches of the new high level bridge, urging all West Side residents to protest against them. He declared their building would delay the opening of the bridge.

Speaking at West Side meetings, he denounced the present Democratic administration for not incorporating in its union station agreement with the railroads a provision for a station on the West Side. He stated that when he was director of public works the railroads agreed to give that section of the city a separate station.

Drop Party, He Urges.

He urged that the voters drop all their allegiance to party at this election and vote for the candidate best qualified for the office.

In speaking of the padded payrolls scandal at the city hall a dozen years ago, Salen declared that later in the campaign he would show how the city could recover money officials had no legal right to expend.

At a meeting in the blacksmith shop of John P. Smith, 1962 W. 26th st., Salen was presented with a good-luck horseshoe. In speaking at the same meeting Virgil P. Marani pointed dramatically at a pair of bellows and declared they symbolized "the most important part of Witt's make-up."

W. J. Whitehead also addressed the meeting at Smith's shop. Salen, Whitehead and Marani spoke early in the evening at a meeting in Tirley's garage, 9500 Madison ave.

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KILL PLAN TO BUY CONCON, WITT TO URGE

Asserts He Will "Settle for All Time" Question of Taxpayers Purchasing Concon, in Speech Friday Night.

Points Out System is Operating Smoothly Under Tayler Grant---Ruthenberg Says Purchase Would Save Money.

Peter Witt announced Thursday he will urge defeat of the socialists' initiated ordinance for city purchase of the street car lines when he speaks Friday night at E. 152d-st and Utopia-av.

This statement was made in answer to an open letter from C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist mayoralty candidate, asking Witt to debate the car purchase proposal, which Ruthenberg terms an important issue.

"I shall dispose of the proposal once and for all Friday night," said Witt. "I do not consider it an issue, because at this time talk of buying the car lines is absurd.

"The city would have to issue mortgage bonds on the Concon property and sell them at 6 per cent, a prohibitive rate. While I favor muny ownership, I do not consider it necessary to buy the lines now. We are operating well under the Tayler grant."

Complete Debate Plans.

Ruthenberg argues city ownership would bring greater economy. He believes mortgage bonds could be sold at 4½ to 5 per cent. The city can take over the lines at any time at the capital value plus 10 per cent, estimated to total $34,700,000.

Arrangements were completed Thursday for the finish at Grays armory next Wednesday night of the debate begun last Monday by Witt and Miner Norton.

Witt will not speak Thursday night. A democratic tent meeting scheduled for Storer-av and W. 54th-st Thursday night was canceled because rain has soaked the low-lying ground. Witt is to speak at the corner next week instead.

Daughters Hear Speech.

Witt and Mayor Baker got a big hand from an audience of 1500, of whom 300 were women, at a tent meeting at Denison-av and W. 99th-st, in ward 1, near Salen's home, Wednesday night. Rain failed to dampen the crowd's enthusiasm.

Witt's daughters, Hazel and Norma, sat in the front row to hear "dad" talk.

Witt advocated extension of muny ownership, pledged himself to fight for revision of tax laws as mayor, and told of his four years as tractioner.

"I see street cars in my sleep now," said Witt, while the crowd roared. "I live with 'em, and I s'pose if my ears burned when people are kicking now and then about 'rotten service,' I'd have no ears.

"But it's kicking that pays. If we hadn't kicked we'd be riding in chicken coops now for 5 cents, instead of in palace cars for 3.

Urges Bond Issue.

Witt urged approval of the $1,500,000 bond issue and said he'll not cut city activities whether it's approved or not, but will bank on revision of tax laws to keep Cleveland money for Cleveland, and to wipe out our big contribution to the state.

Baker opened by saying he's glad Witt indorses his administration, but that he's "perfectly willing to defend it himself."

"I believe the administration of the last four years has been honest and has paid attention to business," said Baker. "The most conspicuous feature of the upbuilding of Cleveland in the last 10 years has been its intellectual development."

DAVIS TO TELL STAND SOON

Says He'll Announce Views on Issues at Tent Meeting.

Harry L. Davis said Thursday he would take a decided stand on the C. & Y. terminal, the union depot ordinance, the Barber subway and all other city issues at the first tent meeting of his mayoralty campaign Saturday night.

Davis told a meeting of the seventeenth ward republican club at Woodland-av and E. 55th-st Wednesday night that he was so confident of election that he'd be "satisfied if the election were tomorrow, in spite of the fact the tent isn't out yet.

"Owes Public Only."

"I have made no promises to any clique or person and the only obligation I will have, if elected, is to the public."

Davis also said that if he were elected mayor he would expect re-election in two years.

"If elected," said Davis, "I expect to come back to you at the end of two years and say to you, 'Boys, I have done what you wanted me to.' Then you will say to me, 'Go back for two years more. You have done your duty.'"

Again Davis devoted most of his time to promising an economical administration and "more things the ordinary people want done."

He reiterated his charge that money has been wasted by the Baker administration.

Harry L. Vail, former county commissioner, attacked the county officials' scheme to lengthen their terms to four years.

"If you men are wise," Vail shouted, "every one of you will use your vote to kill the scheme of county officials to lengthen their terms.

"Federal Judge Clarke never wrote a better article than that which appeared in The Press a few days ago urging the defeat of this proposal.

"Vote it down!"

ODDS ARE GIVEN WITT WILL WIN

Bettors Wager $200 to $110 He'll be Next Mayor.

The race for mayor and the fight for the "dry" amendment to the constitution have resulted in many unusual bets. Witt is shown as first choice for mayor.

Here are some of the bets posted recently:

$200 to $110 Witt will be the next mayor.

$100 even Salen will not get more than 14,000 first choice votes.

$100 even Norton will not get more than 6000 first choice votes.

$100 even Ruthenberg will not get more than 6000 first choice votes.

$100 to $50 Salen receives more first, second and third choice votes than Ruthenberg.

$50 even Witt will not receive 45,000 first choice votes.

$50 even Davis will not receive 36,000 first choice votes.

$100 to $400 the dry amendment carries.

$40 to $50 Davis does not carry nine wards.

$25 even Salen does not carry two wards.

SALEN CLAIMS UNION'S IGNORED

Maker Denies Witt Buttons Don't Bear Official Label.

Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, expected Thursday to tell officers of the Peter Witt labor club they were pinning non-union buttons on union men.

In answer to charges that programs bearing his name were distributed at Brookside park last Sunday without the union label, Salen at two ward meetings Wednesday night said Witt buttons don't bear the stamp of the sheet metal workers' union.

"I'll give $1000 to charity if Salen or anyone else can prove the Witt campaign buttons weren't made in a union shop," said I. C. Cohen, manager of the Cleveland branch of the company that made the Witt buttons.

At an eighth ward meeting, held in John Smith's blacksmith shop, 1962 W. 26th-st, Salen charged the present administration with spending money on "frills and follies." He promised to run the city on a business basis, if elected.

At a first ward meeting held in Tirley's garage, 9500 Madison-av, Salen charged that the old Superior viaduct, built nearly 40 years ago, has not yet been paid for.

At both meetings Salen called upon West-siders to protest against building subway approaches to the new high level bridge, asserting they would mean needless expense and delay.

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"The crowd in the city hall says it's impossible, that they haven't sufficient funds," said Mr. Davis. "They have been in office thirteen out of the last fifteen years. Has it ever been tried? Have you ever known this crowd to try it?"

Mr. Davis at most of his meetings said examples of extravagance to be laid up against the Baker administration were "the paying of a $60,000 bonus for completion of work before it was needed, and letting $100,000 contracts without competitive bidding to outside concerns which employ outside labor when Cleveland concerns that would have employed Cleveland labor were lower bidders."

The candidate said he wasn't trying to fool anyone in this election, and that regardless of its being nonpartisan he stood forth as "a Republican and proud of it."

Mr. Davis said he wanted to refute a statement that he had promised a man the position of "city solicitor," and declared he had not made a single promise save his "pledges to the public." Mr. Davis then swelled the total of rewards offered so far in this campaign for proof of campaign charges. Mr. Davis said he would give $1,000 to charity if anyone could prove he had made a promise.

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Form Ward Organizations.

Norton, the last of the speakers to address the meeting, asserted that in the last ten years there had been no meeting of Republicans held in Cleveland for organization purposes to compare with it for enthusiasm and earnestness.

At the conclusion of the speeches those present met by wards and formed ward organizations. The reports from these meetings are to be made to Norton today.

Executive, organization and other subcommittees are to be appointed today to look after the interests of the candidate in the city at large while the minor organization will take charge of the work in the wards.

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It's to be a booster campaign if Norton's advice to his big committee is followed. The workers were urged to do no "knocking" against other candidates but to talk about their own.

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James W. Holcomb presided at the meeting, former Judge S. S. Ford, chairman of the general committee, not arriving until later. Holcomb declared the large attendance and enthusiasm indicated that the things for which those present stood would prevail. He asserted that men in control of the Republican party were responsible for past defeats because of unfair treatment accorded to men in the Republican ranks. He believed the rank and file of the party was anxious to get together and Norton's candidacy would help cement the elements in the ranks that had been divided.

Norton, he said, need adopt no platform for those who had known him. He had proved his ability in public service and had nothing to cover up. Behind him there was no organization or individual who held a club over his head.

Former Judge Ford said Norton was an excellent lawyer, a man of high character and with experience in municipal affairs.

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Guy O. Farquharson, who was the Progressive party's county chairman, in the last campaign, said that a great mass of those who were in the Progressive movement of 1912 and 1914 were now for Norton. They felt he was the only candidate who had training and ability necessary for the office of mayor.

Max P. Goodman said as a business man he was interested in the campaign for distinctive reasons. "Our city is growing," he said. "It needs a mayor with executive ability and a business administration. I believe the man best fitted of the candidates by reason of training, experience and ability is Mr. Norton. I and my friends will do what we can to assist in putting in office the man in whom we have confidence, Miner G. Norton."

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He started on the West Side before the Cleveland Republican club. He said the big issue in the campaign is, "Shall the next mayor of Cleveland live within his means?" He answered the question by saying the next mayor must, and that if he is the man, it's settled.

"The crowd in the city hall says it's impossible, that they haven't sufficient funds," said Mr. Davis. "They have been in office thirteen out of the last fifteen years. Has it ever been tried? Have you ever known this crowd to try it?"

Mr. Davis at most of his meetings said examples of extravagance to be laid up against the Baker administration were "the paying of a $60,000 bonus for completion of work before it was needed, and letting $100,000 contracts without competitive bidding to outside concerns which employ outside labor when Cleveland concerns that would have employed Cleveland labor were lower bidders."

The candidate said he wasn't trying to fool anyone in this election, and that regardless of its being nonpartisan he stood forth as "a Republican and proud of it."

Mr. Davis said he wanted to refute a statement that he had promised a man the position of "city solicitor," and declared he had not made a single promise save his "pledges to the public." Mr. Davis then swelled the total of rewards offered so far in this campaign for proof of campaign charges. Mr. Davis said he would give $1,000 to charity if anyone could prove he had made a promise.

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An official of the company which turned out the Peter Witt campaign buttons yesterday afternoon offered $1,000 for charity if anyone could prove the buttons were not made in a union shop.

Mr. Davis laid his main emphasis last night on economy, and renewed his proposal for small parks in congested sections. His election, he said, would be "a glorious victory for the ordinary people of the city."

He spoke before the Cleveland Republican club, the West Side Hungarian Voters' league, before the Fifth Ward Republican club, at a meeting at Literary-rd S. W. and W. 11th-st. in "Little Italy" and in Bernstein's hall.

SALEN RAPS CAR SERVICE

Tells West Siders It's 'Worst That Could be Imagined.'

"The laws of the United States provide for a limited number of hogs, cattle and sheep being carried on a railroad car, but there is no provision for the human being. The street car service on the West Side of Cleveland is the worst that could be imagined. Think of it! You are treated worse than cattle on this side of the river." Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, said at Schmidt's hall, 3109 Clark-av S. W., and in Zabel's hall, W. 14th-st and A uburn av S. W., fifth and seventh ward, last night.

"The Tayler grant proposed to give the people street car service at the lowest rate and with the best service," he continued. "The street car commissioner has provided service which would pay the company its 6 per cent. interest on its stock.

"Mayor Baker has entered on a campaign of denial of charges against his administration. He should be made to prove that it has been a success. When he goes out of office with a deficit of $2,000,00[illegible] could it have been a success?

"Could you run a business that way and consider it a success? Waste in the small things has caused the aggregate of deficits."

NORTON URGES MEN TO SHOUT HIS OWN NAME

Candidate for Mayor Tells Followers to Ignore Other Aspirants in Talks.

"Talk Norton, talk Norton to every man you meet," Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, shouted while talking organization plans at a meeting of his supporters in the Alley club, 2035 E. 3d-st, last night. "Don't talk about the other candidates; just talk about your own man."

The candidate called his meeting last night the real opening of his campaign. He urged those present to organize meetings in their own homes and asked each man to line up at least ten votes each for him.

The meeting originally scheduled to take place at 400 Superior-av N. W. was transferred to the Alley club when the quarters at the former place became too small to hold the crowd. Speakers described the attendance as representative of the "best element" in Cleveland.

Hugh F. Taylor, who led the movement to have William H. Boyd run for mayor, announced he was ready to fight for Mr. Norton.

Guy O. Farquharson, who was county chairman of the old Progressive organization; former Judge S. S. Ford, Max P. Goodman, Karl Wells, who for a time was a candidate for [illegible]or, and O. N. Evans, president of [illegible] Twentieth Ward Republican club [illegible] the speakers to pledge [illegible] Norton.

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NORTON LINES UP WORKERS AT BIG RALLY

Committee of 500 Given Instructions at Lively Campaign Opening.

'BOOST, DON'T KNOCK'

Candidate, Lauded by Speakers, Urges Other Rivals Be Ignored.

With a general committee of 500 men who braved the inclement weather last night, Miner G. Norton started the organization that will back him in his campaign for the office of mayor.

Crowded out of Letter Carriers' hall in the Beckman building on W. Superior ave., because it would not accommodate half of those who sought admission, the Norton boosters marched under the pelting rain to the Alley Club on E. 3d st., where the meeting which practically opened the campaign of the former law director was held.

Form Ward Organizations.

Norton, the last of the speakers to address the meeting, asserted that in the last ten years there had been no meeting of Republicans held in Cleveland for organization purposes to compare with it for enthusiasm and earnestness.

At the conclusion of the speeches those present met by wards and formed ward organizations. The reports from these meetings are to be made to Norton today.

Executive, organization and other subcommittees are to be appointed today to look after the interests of the candidate in the city at large while the minor organization will take charge of the work in the wards.

Will Not Knock.

It's to be a booster campaign if Norton's advice to his big committee is followed. The workers were urged to do no "knocking" against other candidates but to talk about their own.

"This is a campaign for good government, Norton said. "I have thus far made but two platform pledges to give the city a good, clean administration and to give a square deal to all classes and interests. This great city must not stop but go forward.

"If you men do your part you will have an organization that will equal that of the Democrats, built up through long years of effort. You who are here constitute one great committee. You must work in the factories, in the stores and wherever your business calls you.

"Don't talk about other candidates but tell about yours. If your candidate is Norton, talk Norton. Never mind the other fellows but tell of the good points of your candidate.

"Let us go from here tnight with a complete organization. Meet by wards before you leave. The time is short until the election, but there is time enough if you have vim and determination to win a victory for your candidate."

Holcomb Presides.

James W. Holcomb presided at the meeting, former Judge S. S. Ford, chairman of the general committee, not arriving until later. Holcomb declared the large attendance and enthusiasm indicated that the things for which those present stood would prevail. He asserted that men in control of the Republican party were responsible for past defeats because of unfair treatment accorded to men in the Republican ranks. He believed the rank and file of the party was anxious to get together and Norton's candidacy would help cement the elements in the ranks that had been divided.

Norton, he said, need adopt no platform for those who had known him. He had proved his ability in public service and had nothing to cover up. Behind him there was no organization or individual who held a club over his head.

Former Judge Ford said Norton was an excellent lawyer, a man of high character and with experience in municipal affairs.

"Norton's was the guiding mind that prepared the state and city legislation which made possible the great public improvements that have been under way in Cleveland during the last twenty years," he declared. "Norton has the ability that goes for the making of the city."

Says Moose Are for Him.

Guy O. Farquharson, who was the Progressive party's county chairman, in the last campaign, said that a great mass of those who were in the Progressive movement of 1912 and 1914 were now for Norton. They felt he was the only candidate who had training and ability necessary for the office of mayor.

Max P. Goodman said as a business man he was interested in the campaign for distinctive reasons. "Our city is growing," he said. "It needs a mayor with executive ability and a business administration. I believe the man best fitted of the candidates by reason of training, experience and ability is Mr. Norton. I and my friends will do what we can to assist in putting in office the man in whom we have confidence, Miner G. Norton."

Hugh F. Taylor, president of the Scottish-American Republican Club, originally a booster for William H. Boyd, said he believed the Republicans who urged Boyd to run for mayor were now for Norton. Former State Senator F. H. Eggers declared the city needed a man of capacity and honesty in the mayor's chair and Norton was such a mon.

Owen Evans, president of the Twentieth Ward Republican Club, and chairman of the precinct committeemen of that ward, said Norton had the courage of his convictions and could not be induced, were he mayor, to countenance anything he did not believe to be right and in the public interest.

Harry J. Katz, president of the Twenty-third Ward Republican Club, said Republicans of his ward were going to push Norton across the line on November 2 a winner. George Schaufele, president of the Indians Republican Club, said every member of the club but one was for Norton.

Earle Wells, who withdrew as a candidate for mayor, said he was present to support Norton. James Dunn, of the Fourth Ward Republican Club, told of a poll taken in that Democratic stronghold at a recent meeting. He said the result was Norton 25, Witt 16 and Davis 4.

W. J. Van Wye, president of the Nineteenth Ward Republican Club, said it was time to get down to business and get the Norton campaign started. He suggested that every man present open his home for a Norton house meeting.

Another organization meeting will be held at the Alley Club, a week from tomorrow night, when reports will be received from the subcommittees to be appointed today and tomorrow.

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SALEN ATTACKS BAKER'S 'WASTE'

Candidate Laughs at Mayor's Statement of "No Extravagance."

Mayor Baker's challenges in recent campaign speeches, defying anyone to prove there was waste in city operating expenses during the last administration, were ridiculed by Charles P. Salen, nonpartisan candidate for mayor, in addressing several ward meetings last night.

Salen's meetings, except for one, were all on the West Side, and he availed himself of the opportunity of explaining to the residents of that section of the city the reason for what he termed the absence of good car service on West Side lines.

An audience of about two hundred at Schmitt's hall, 3109 Clark ave., heard Salen ridicule the statements made by Baker. Salen said: "I challenge Baker or any of his followers to prove there was anything but waste in his administration. I also challenge anyone to prove there was the least sign of anything that denoted success."

Car Service Scored.

At the Clark ave. hall and at Zabel's hall, W. 14th st. and Auburn ave., Salen elaborated on what he termed poor West Side car service.

"You Clark ave. men, and, in fact, most of you West Side men, have the worst car service in the city," he said. "Every time the Cleveland Railway Company found they had a damaged or time worn car they sent it over to the West Side. They've taken their fine new ones for the fashionable East Side and you take what you get, and Witt and Baker don't interfere.

"The state board of health says there shall be a limited number of cattle and hogs allowed to be shipped in each car, but the Cleveland Railway Company, backed by the present administration, can haul as many persons as they like and in any sort of car."

Some one in the audience asked Salen why the railway company didn't furnish new cars for West Side lines.

"They couldn't pay 6 per cent dividends to their stockholders if they spent the money on new cars," he said.

Salen at a meeting at Royal hall, 5217 Woodland ave., told an audience of 100 Baker's statements of "no waste" were foolish when his administration was "leaving a debt amounting to nearly $2,000,000."

"Can any man call his administration a success when he leaves it in the shape Cleveland is in," he said.

Judge Candidate Speaks.

Clarence C. Jones, Salen backer and candidate for municipal judge, spoke at the Salen meetings.

Salen yesterday followed up his public charge that the Peter Witt campaign buttons do not bear the seal of the sheet metal workers' union by sending a letter to the Peter Witt Labor Club, which has its headquarters in the American house. In his letter Salen says:

Inasmuch as you have seen fit to unjustly and wrongly accuse me of having had score cards printed for the baseball game at Brookside park last Sunday without their bearing the label of the typographical union, I take the liberty of informing you that the campaign buttons bearing the picture of your candidate for mayor are nonunion buttons.

They do not bear the seal of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union—which fact brands them as being of nonunion make.

Inasmuch as you have urged members of the Federation of Labor to wear these buttons, I feel that it is only fair to them that they should know the truth.

At Democratic headquarters yesterday it was said the Witt buttons bore the label of the typographical union.

FAVORITES GIVEN CONTRACTS—DAVIS

Candidate Charges City Ignores Low Bidder—Declares Licenses Ordered Published by Oct. 28.

Favoritism in the awarding of city contracts was charged against the present Democratic administration by Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, in several ward meetings last night.

He declared city officials let contracts to outside firms when local companies submitted a lower bid, referring especially to the Connelly Boiler Company's fight for city work.

He declared he had information direct from the statehouse at Columbus that the Democrats would be unable to hold the granting of liquor licenses over the saloonkeepers' heads as a club this year as they did two years ago, stating orders had been given to announce the successful license applicants before October 28.

Davis branded the report that he had already promised the position of director of law, if elected, as a falsehood. He reiterated his statement that he would take office without having made pledges of jobs to any person.

Davis also reiterated his declaration that he would seek a second term if successful in his campaign this fall, and in answer to Peter Witt's question as to why he didn't practice economy when city treasurer six years ago, said:

"I did practice economy of the sort that if my example had been followed by the succeeding Democratic administration thousands of dollars could have been saved. During my term as city treasurer I had two expert collectors appointed. They collected supposedly dead and outlawed taxes and accounts equal to the expenses of my office."

Witt's single tax arguments were denounced as dangerous and confiscatory by other speakers at the Davis meeting. Lamar T. Beman characterized the single tax theory as "impolite robbery."

He contradicted Witt's statement that car riders would continue to have three-cent fare by declaring that Witt's extravagant policy as street railway commissioner could not help but force an increase in fare.

An extensive shop meeting campaign was outlined at a meeting in the Schofield building last night of the organization committee in charge of the Davis campaign. It was announced that Davis tent meetings would open tomorrow night. Judge Fielder Sanders presided at last night's committee meeting.

KOEPPEL JOINS DEBATER RANKS

Socialist Labor Party's Mayoralty Candidate Wants to Meet Ruthenberg in Forum.

Richard Koeppel, candidate for mayor of the Socialist Labor party, yesterday took a hand in the controversy between Peter Witt, Democratic organization candidate for mayor, and C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist party candidate, on the question of municipal ownership. Koeppel, in a communication to The Leader, says:

I see in Thursday's Leader that Mr. C. E. Ruthenberg, posing as Socialist candidate for mayor, has challenged Mr. Peter Witt to debate with him publicly the question of municipal ownership of our street car system.

I fail to see how the public could get any benefit or enlightenment out of such a debate. Both gentlemen believe in municipal ownership, and the only diffrence is that Mr. Ruthenberg wants it right away and sooner if possible, while Mr. Witt is of the opinion that the time is not ripe yet. Witt certainly has the best of Ruthenberg in this world-shaking question. He does not pretend to be a Socialist, but claims to represent the interest of" all the people" of Cleveland, therefore also of those who are opposed to municipal ownership. His attitude in this question is, therefore, from a politician's point of view, logical and sensible. In spite of all their reform talk, all candidates for mayor, with the sole exception of the Socialist labor party's candidate, stand for the continuation of the present capitalist system of production.

Mr. Ruthenberg may be the candidate of a political body calling itself Socialist, but neither he nor his party represents Socialism, their sentimental protestations to the contrary notwithstanding. If any proof was lacking their advocating of municipal ownership furnishes this proof. Municipal ownership simply spells municipal capitalism and is, as far as the interests of the working class and of the Socialist movement are concerned, fake and swindle. What Socialism wants is working class ownership and nothing short of it. The so-called Socialist party, in advocating municipal ownership alias municipal capitalism, is simply playing, for the sake of votes and office aspirations, upon popular notions in the minds of an unenlightened mass.

Municipal ownership under capitalism is not only not to the advantage of the working class and the Socialist movement but will do, to the contrary, infinite harm to them. If Mr. Ruthenberg is so anxious to have the public made acquainted with the fakish nature of his party's so-called municipal ownership, I am ready to meet him in public debate at any time and place he may choose.

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As the Books See It.

Here is what Funk & Wagnalls' new standard dictionary says a sport is:

One whose interest in sport lies chiefly in gambling.

A gamester.

A person of cheap and flashy appearance.

One ready to join or assist in any movement, usually for the purpose of pleasure.

One willing to join with others in questionable or dangerous actions.

A crank.

A faddist.

Empty meaningless jingle.

Salen was asked Friday to explain what, if any, definition he had in mind when he revealed himself as a "sport."

"Oh, you know what a sport is—a good fellow, everybody knows what a sport is."

Charley Defines Stand.

Salen made the sport and Kilbane announcements before a meeting of 200 negroes, members of the Workingmen's social and literary club, Scovill-av and E. 31st-st, where he arrived about 11:15 p. m. Thursday.

"Only a lunatic would run for office as a dry in Cleveland," he said.

"Mr. Salen," shouted one of his hearers, "they say you are a good sport. How about that?"

"You are right, I am a sport," replied Salen. "There is nothing I like more than a good scrap. You blood tingles and you forget yo troubles when you stand aside ing and see a good fight. If I cted I shall appoint a city b commission."

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Norton

$220,000 LOST BY CITY, NORTON SAYS

Administration's Methods on Filtration Plant Contract Cited by Candidate.

The new filtration plant has already cost $220,000 more than it should under efficient business management, Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, charged last night, in answer to the question of his Democratic opponent, Peter Witt, as to what particular economy Norton would have practiced in city affairs. The candidate spoke at a meeting of the Twentieth Ward Republican Club, 1738 E. 88th pl.

"But that's not the only place money could have been saved the city if the officials had been businesslike and awake," said Norton. "In every speech I make from now on I will point out a particular instance where the city could have saved money through efficient methods. I'll take up every department and show you a big leak, equal in some instances to the yearly deficit."

Subway Contracts Awarded.

Norton surprised his listeners with the announcement that he had been informed contracts for the construction of the Barber subway project, to be passed upon by the voters next month, had already been awarded. He declared he had information that the plans had been completed and that the Foundation Company had secured the contracts for the work. He stated he was not against the Barber grant but expressed the belief that it was unwise for the company to let the contracts before the ptople approved the project.

In speaking of the filtration plant work, Norton found fault with the condition of the plant, declaring that the floor and walls had cracked and that material rejected on other city work had been used in its construction.

"The most charitable thing that can be said of the city officials who let the contract and those who supervised the work is that they were asleep," said Norton. "The manner in which the contract was awarded has not a parallel in the city's history. Here are the facts:

"The lowest bidder, who named a price $154,000 lower than his nearest competitor, the Casey Construction Company, withdrew his bid. City officials without advertising for new bids awarded the contract to the Casey company, thus paying $154,000 more than was necessary. Add to this the $65,000 bonus given the Casey paople and you have $220,000 that could have been saved the city by the application of business methods."

Typical of Other Cases.

"But this action is typical of all business dealings the administration has handled. They blame the tax limitations for the deficits, never considering the expenditures but always the income."

Norton promised some "hot stuff" in his next debate with Witt on Wednesday. He was preceded in his talk by Congressman H. I. Emerson, who said Witt had already defeated himself by his campaign methods. Congressman Emerson declared he was "neutral" as regards the two Republicans seeking the mayoralty.

Plans for a brief whirlwind campaign were discussed at conferences held yesterday by Norton with advisers who will be leaders in the organization behind his candidacy. When Norton starts his speaking campaign in earnest, it was said, he will be on the stump every night. Arrangements for these meetings are to be made by a speakers' committee which may be named today or Monday.

The most important committee in the Norton campaign will be that on organization. It will undertake to organize every ward for Norton, after which numerous house and hall meetings will be held.

Organization meetings are to be held next week beginning Monday. Other meetings will be arranged by the committee on speakers.

Sentiment strongly favoring the candidacy of Norton was expressed at a meeting of the Nineteenth Ward Republican Club at 2089 E. 100th st. last night. The club decided, however, to make no formal indorsement. Among the speakers were James W Holcomb, F. J. VanWye and Congressman Emerson.

Salen

CITY THROWS COIN AWAY, SAYS SALEN

Candidate Urges Voters to Veto $1,500,000 Bond Issue.

The action of the Baker administration in converting the old Fairmount ave. pumping station into a steam heating plant was pointed to by Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night, as an example of municipal waste. He spoke at a meeting in Hermit's hall, 15002 St. Clair ave.

Salen declared he could show that the city had literally thrown money away on the steam plant which was designed to produce heat for East Side residents.

"It cost Cleveland taxpayers about $28,000 to make up the deficit caused by the foolish scheme of turning the old Fairmount station into a steam heating plant," he said. "A few citizens on the East Side benefited by the idea but the rest of the taxpayers paid the bill.

"There's hundreds of dollars being wasted every day because more steam comes out through leaky pipes than goes into homes."

Salen argued strongly against voting for the proposed bond issue of $1,500,000 to cover the deficit in city operating expenses during the present administration.

"I believe we better have a thorough auditing of city hall books before we decide on such a plan," he said. "I believe if a thorough accounting was made we would find more than $1,500,000 is needed.

"There hasn't been an auditing of the books of the city water department in more than two years. There must be something wrong or things would be different."

Clarence C. Jones, candidate for municipal judge, and Virgil Marani, former building commissioner under Mayor Baehr, also spoke.

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The new filtration plant has already cost $220,000 more than it should under efficient business management, Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, charged last night, in answer to the question of his Democratic opponent, Peter Witt, as to what particular economy Norton would have practiced in city affairs. The candidate spoke at a meeting of the Twentieth Ward Republican Club, 1738 E. 88th pl.

"But that's not the only place money could have been saved the city if the officials had been businesslike and awake," said Norton. "In every speech I make from now on I will point out a particular instance where the city could have saved money through efficient methods. I'll take up every department and show you a big leak, equal in some instances to the yearly deficit."

Subway Contracts Awarded.

Norton surprised his listeners with the announcement that he had been informed contracts for the construction of the Barber subway project, to be passed upon by the voters next month, had already been awarded. He declared he had information that the plans had been completed and that the Foundation Company had secured the contracts for the work. He stated he was not against the Barber grant but expressed the belief that it was unwise for the company to let the contracts before the ptople approved the project.

In speaking of the filtration plant work, Norton found fault with the condition of the plant, declaring that the floor and walls had cracked and that material rejected on other city work had been used in its construction.

"The most charitable thing that can be said of the city officials who let the contract and those who supervised the work is that they were asleep," said Norton. "The manner in which the contract was awarded has not a parallel in the city's history. Here are the facts:

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Typical of Other Cases.

"But this action is typical of all business dealings the administration has handled. They blame the tax limitations for the deficits, never considering the expenditures but always the income."

Norton promised some "hot stuff" in his next debate with Witt on Wednesday. He was preceded in his talk by Congressman H. I. Emerson, who said Witt had already defeated himself by his campaign methods. Congressman Emerson declared he was "neutral" as regards the two Republicans seeking the mayoralty.

Plans for a brief whirlwind campaign were discussed at conferences held yesterday by Norton with advisers who will be leaders in the organization behind his candidacy. When Norton starts his speaking campaign in earnest, it was said, he will be on the stump every night. Arrangements for these meetings are to be made by a speakers' committee which may be named today or Monday.

The most important committee in the Norton campaign will be that on organization. It will undertake to organize every ward for Norton, after which numerous house and hall meetings will be held.

Organization meetings are to be held next week beginning Monday. Other meetings will be arranged by the committee on speakers.

Sentiment strongly favoring the candidacy of Norton was expressed at a meeting of the Nineteenth Ward Republican Club at 2089 E. 100th st. last night. The club decided, however, to make no formal indorsement. Among the speakers were James W Holcomb, F. J. VanWye and Congressman Emerson.

Salen

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Candidate Urges Voters to Veto $1,500,000 Bond Issue.

The action of the Baker administration in converting the old Fairmount ave. pumping station into a steam heating plant was pointed to by Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night, as an example of municipal waste. He spoke at a meeting in Hermit's hall, 15002 St. Clair ave.

Salen declared he could show that the city had literally thrown money away on the steam plant which was designed to produce heat for East Side residents.

"It cost Cleveland taxpayers about $28,000 to make up the deficit caused by the foolish scheme of turning the old Fairmount station into a steam heating plant," he said. "A few citizens on the East Side benefited by the idea but the rest of the taxpayers paid the bill.

"There's hundreds of dollars being wasted every day because more steam comes out through leaky pipes than goes into homes."

Salen argued strongly against voting for the proposed bond issue of $1,500,000 to cover the deficit in city operating expenses during the present administration.

"I believe we better have a thorough auditing of city hall books before we decide on such a plan," he said. "I believe if a thorough accounting was made we would find more than $1,500,000 is needed.

"There hasn't been an auditing of the books of the city water department in more than two years. There must be something wrong or things would be different."

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Promises to Make Accounting of Affairs if Elected Mayor Nov. 2.

Urges Citizens to Veto Bond Issue of $1,500,000 for Municipality.

Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night intimated that he will make a series of charges of waste and extravagance against the present city administration, taking up probably one charge at a time. Mr. Salen spoke before about 100 of his followers in the twenty-sixth ward in the basement of the Hermit hotel, 15020 St. Clair-av N. E.

"In the next week or so," said Mr. Salen, "I expect to show Mr. Baker where his administration has been wasteful, an administration that comes to you asking for a bond issue of $1,500,000 to make up its deficits. Such an appeal brands the administration in the public mind as a failure.

"I ask you and all of my friends to vote against this bond issue and on Jan. 1 when I am mayor I will make an accounting of affairs down at the city hall and the people of this city probably will be shocked."

Mr. Salen last night charged there had been much waste in the operation of the municipal heating plant in the East End. He said this plant showed a loss of $28,000 in its heating of about 200 East End homes.

"And they come to you with a bond issue, asking you to make up this deficit. Why, the city could have bought coal and distributed it free to the home owners served and would not have lost as much as it has."

Mr. Salen took to himself credit for the passing of the Fellinger bill at the last session of the general assembly which permits municipalities to issue bonds for sewage disposal plants outside of the debt limit.

"The administration did not attempt to complete this sewage disposal plant work until it had reached its debt limit. Members of the general assembly were opposed to the bill which gave municipalities so much more leeway in regard to indebtedness but I went to Gov. Willis myself and urged that it be permitted to pass. And when you are asked to vote for these bonds I want you to support the measure.

"The only pledge I make to you is in my contract and I think this is the only instance in which you have had a mayoralty candidate showing in black and white for what he stands."

Mr. Salen invited all Collinwood persons to come to the city hall with their troubles when he is elected mayor.

Mr. Salen paid but little attention to the other candidates except to assert that in non-partisan elections voters should pay no attention to Republican or Democratic candidates.

"The great silent vote of this city," he said, "will be for the non-partisan candidate."

Speakers preceding Mr. Salen aimed attacks at Peter Witt. Clarence L. Jones, candidate for municipal judge, said he is the only judical candidate who has lined up with a mayoralty candidate and he chose Mr. Salen because he thought Mr. Salen better qualified for the position than any of the others.

Virgil Marani, building inspector under former Mayor Baehr, bitterly assailed Mr. Witt. Mr. Marani said Mr. Witt had "insulted and maligned the civic associations of our city and has vituperated and maligned the clergy of our city."

Mr. Marani attacked the Plain Dealer in his remarks, saying the Plain Dealer had been inconsistent in "printing columns of news and editorials in support of the new city charter and now turns around and supports Peter Witt as the Democratic candidate for mayor."

R. E. Willing of the tax commissioners' office was chairman of the meeting.

year ago was 108,675. This is the record up to this year. On the first two registration days of this year, 68,943 men registered, compared with 62,614 the first two days of 1914.

The total number of men registered prior to the last municipal election, 1913, was 90,382. The first two days of registration that year totaled 51,328, compared with 68,943 this year.

The total of the last two days of registration last year was 46,061. The total for yesterday and today is considered certain to be that high.

Should the same percentage of increase shown the first two days of this year over the first two days of last year obtain in the totals for yesterday and today, the figure would reach 50,000, making the total for this year in the neighborhood of 118,000. That, however is a top-notch figure, and elections authorities are more conservative.

Several factors are contributing to the high registration. There are six candidates for mayor, six political camps urging voters to register.

Particular emphasis has been laid on registration by the Democratic organization, which held a series of ward meetings prior to the first day, and which has had a banner calling attention to registration in every tent meeting.

The wets and dry, who helped make last year's registration and vote exceed previous records, are again active this year, and in even a more systematic manner are urging voters to the registration booths.

The increase in the registration of women is occasioned largely by activities of the suffragists, who have been bending every energy to make a large showing of women qualified to vote for members of the board of education.

Despite his absence from the stump, Peter Witt's candidacy was pushed last night in the Democratic tent when Mayor Baker spoke for him in telling of the work of the city's health department, and when Finance Director Coughlin told the financial story of the city.

Mayor Baker made a significant remark when the chairman, Councilman William Rolf, introduced him, the councilman saying he regretted he was presenting him "for the last time" as Mayor Baker.

"I am still very young," said the mayor. "So when I am introduced as mayor as for the last time, I'll change your chairman's introduction to 'the last time as mayor—just now!'" There was applause and laughter, but there was speculation, too. Does Mr. Baker intend to run again for mayor some day in the future?

Three mayoralty candidates were active last night.

Harry L. Davis in his meetings again charged he was tricked out of the election in 1913 by liquor license manipulation, which he said could not happen this time because the licenses would be issued before election.

Miner G. Norton, before the Twentieth Ward Republican club, charged the Baker administration with poor business management, declared the deficit in the city's operating expenses could have been avoided by proper management, and asserted more than $200,000 has been expended needlessly in constructing the filtration plant.

Charles P. Salen, whose meeting was not far from the Democratic tent, promised to produce next week new charges of waste and extravagance against the Baker administration. He spoke at the Hermit hotel, 15020 St. Clair-av N. E. Mr. Salen's adherents who spoke from the same platform had some further hard names for Peter Witt. Mr. Salen promised a public accounting of the city's affairs "when I am mayor," and said the people would be shocked at what would be shown.

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—FINANCE DIRECTOR.

Cripple Not Only Cleveland, but Cincinnati and Other Cities, Coughlin Says.

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"What is wrong with Cleveland is a shortage of revenue. The trouble is not peculiar to Cleveland. It is state wide. It is not a question of expensive government, it is a question of revenues going down."

Thus Director of Finance Thomas Coughlin last night in the Democratic tent at E. 152d-st, opposite Utopia-av N. E., summed up the story of Cleveland's financial situation and answered the question of what caused the $1,500,000 deficit for which a bond issue is submitted to the voters.

The finance director spoke in place of Candidate Peter Witt. Mayor Newton D. Baker, continuing his campaign policy of telling each night the story of one branch of the city's work under his administration, discussed the health department and its bureaus, which he said had helped to make his management "one of steady advance to a safer and healthier city."

Both spoke earnestly for Street Railway Commissioner Witt. Councilman William Rolf presided, and Mayor Baker urged his re-election.

In opening, Mr. Coughlin said he would invite those who had gathered to hear Mr. Witt and were disappointed "to come to the city hall the night Peter is inaugurated and hear him make his first speech as mayor."

"Good!" cried one of the listeners, and there was quick applause. The crowd again overflowed the tent, despite the weather, and men and women remained even after announcement that the candidate could not appear.

Mr. Coughlin said the Baker administration received "an inheritance" of a $400,000 deficit from the Baehr administration. He spoke of the increase in the tax duplicate in 1910 from $276,000,000 to $714,000,000, and then explained how in the face of the increase the legislature cut the rate by enacting the Smith 1 per cent. tax law. So, he explained, although the duplicate was thus enormously raised, the city's rate was reduced to $3.60 per $1,000 instead of the $10.72 per $1,000, the amount available on the smaller duplicate.

He spoke of the increase of the pay of firemen and policemen voted under Herman Baehr, which added $100,000 to expenses, saying everyone favored it, but that the figures had to be taken into account in telling the financial story of the city. He told of smaller revenues received by the city each year following 1911, the fact that Cleveland had imposed no special licenses to help raise revenue, and said that although the Baker administration faced increased activities, it had to act with decreased revenue.

"If the Baker administration is responsible in Cleveland, what administration is responsible in Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton, Springfield, Akron, and other Ohio cities?" asked Mr. Coughlin. "They all have deficits," he declared, continuing that the remedy is in a renewal of the fight for taxation reform by the state legislature.

Mayor Baker said he admitted he had spent large amounts on the health department, but added he "wished he could spend more." It was well worth while, he asserted. He told of the bureaus of communicable diseases, tuberculosis, child hygiene, sanitation, food and dairy inspection, the bacteriological laboratory, the city chemist's office and the bureau of vital statistics. He said no agency in the city's control contributed more of "real comfort, real help in times of need and distress" than the visiting nurses and physicians.

He read the death rate of Cleveland, 12.98 to every 1,000 inhabitants, comparing it with other cities, all with rates ranging from fourteen to eighteen, and declaring no city in America has so low a death rate as Cleveland. Warm applause greeted the statement.

Mayor Baker then urged support for the Barber subway, Cleveland & Youngstown and Union station ordinances, and concluded with a word for Peter Witt.

"I want you to know and realize not merely the vigor of his personality, but I want you to hear him tell what he has accomplished," said the mayor.

"He has given you the best street railway system in America, and I know what I'm talking about!" There was a burst of loud applause.

"It is a remarkable, constructive achievement," continued the mayor. "I used to wonder, because of the impatience of the man in his fight for what he believed was right, in his zealous solicitude, whether he could have the patience of a constructive executive. He has been a constructive executive for four years. He has done a man's job. He didn't talk about it, but he worked hard. He has ingenuity, courage, character.

"I know the progress of the city can best be assured by election of Peter Witt as mayor."

It's to be Show Down, Cries Harry L. Davis

Prior to the formal opening of his campaign tonight, Harry L. Davis last night talked to the voters of two West Side clubs.

"The city's business is your business," he said to the members of the South End Republican club, Sackett-av S. W. and W. 31st-st. "You must take care of it and elect a man who will.

"But for the trickery of the Democratic party two years ago in withholding the liquor licenses before election, I would have been your mayor. This year the announcements of liquor licenses will be made before election. That I promise you.

"There is now to be a show-down. Let there be no misunderstanding. I am a Republican regardless of the fact that this is supposed to be a nonpartisan election.

"The Democratic party has been in power for the past fifteen years. It has not lived within the means of the city thirteen years of that time. The money has been wasted from year to year.

"There have been bonuses offered for the finishing of work long before they were expected to be completed. Think of $60,000 being paid for finishing a job before it was required. There have been contracts of over $100,000 awarded without competitive bidding. There have been contracts awarded to outsider bidders when the home bidders have been lower.

"I am for the contractor from Cleveland for a given work with all things equal. If he is a little higher, I am in favor of giving him the job. Why? Because the money comes back to you who pay for the work."

The minimum wage for city work was advocated. "It brings up the average of the wages of the other workers of the city," said Mr. Davis. "Vote for that amendment to the charter."

The two West Side meetings were held in the eighth and fifth wards. In Merrill hall, W 25th-st and Carroll-av N. W., Mr. Davis spoke to the Eighth Ward Republican club. In the fifth ward, Dukat hall, Sackett-av and W. 31st-st, he spoke to the South End Republican club.

George W. Spooner preceded him at the meeting, talking with S. J. Kornhauser, H. G. Schaibly, H. C. Wood and W. J. Hart.

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DEMOCRATS CAUSE $400,000 DEFICIT

—MINER G. NORTON.

'Needlessly Plunged City Into Debt,' is Charge Candidate Makes at Meeting.

Cites Filtration Bonus to Prove Smith Tax Law is Not to Blame.

Declaring the city has been needlessly plunged into a deficit of more than $400,000 this year in its operating expenses, Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, last night charged the Democratic administration with poor business management and declared the deficit could have been avoided.

"Mayor Newton D. Baker and Peter Witt are trying to tell you the city has run many hundred thousand dollars behind in its operating expenses because of the Smith tax law," said Mr. Norton. "This is a misstatement. For example I will cite the building of the filtration plant.

"In the filtration plant construction enough money was spent needlessly to make up half of the operating deficit this year. In the first place the city should have readvertised for bids when the lowest bidder, who had been awarded the contract, withdrew from the job. Instead of readvertising for bids the administration took the next highest bidder. It cost them $154,000 more than the original lowest bid. That money could have been saved. I ask you, gentlemen, is that good business sense?

"In the next place the administration wasted $65,809 in paying a bonus to the company to whom the contract was awarded because that company finished its work ahead of time. Despite this bonus the filtration plant is not yet in operation. That money was wasted."

Mr. Norton ridiculed the administration for employing "an alleged expert engineer to run the water department." "This is the man," he said, "who is trying to bluff the housewives into submitting to having the water doctored with lime. He said it would curtail the need of using soap," laughed Mr. Norton. "Can you beat that?"

Mr. Norton spoke before the Twentieth Ward Republican club, whose meeting was the only one he addressed last night. Other speakers were Municipal Judge Samuel Kramer, seeking re-election; Gordon Ruthenberg, candidate in the twentieth ward for council, and Congressman H. I. Emerson.

Mr. Emerson declared he was neutral in the Republican mayoralty situation, but said every Republican was out to defeat Peter Witt. He declared "city funds have been wasted to entrench the Democratic party in power," and discussed national issues.

DAVIS ISSUES CHALLENGE; TO DEBATE WITT

Bulkley Accepting for Peter Suggests They Meet Monday.

BOTH READY FOR FRAY

Traction Commissioner's Record Attacked as Inconsistent.

Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, last night challenged Peter Witt, administration candidate, to a debate "to take place at any time and place."

The challenge was accepted by R. J. Bulkley in behalf of Witt later in the evening, just as soon as word of it came to the traction commissioner.

In accepting Davis' challenge Bulkley suggests that the debate be held in the administration campaign tent at Broadway and Gallup ave. Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Davis could not be reached last night after his meeting, and it was not known whether the time and place were agreeable to him.

Witt also has another debate set for this week—the continuation of his debate with Miner G. Norton having been agreed upon for Wednesday night at Grays' armory.

"Never Received Challenge."

In challenging Witt, Davis declared that, despite stories that he had ignored challenges from Witt, he never had received such a defi. Therefore, he said, he would, on his own part, challenge Witt.

In his letter of acceptance for Witt, Bulkley says:

"As there seems to be some misunderstanding on your part as to whether Mr. Witt has challenged you to a joint debate on the issues of the campaign, I am writing to advise you that he thought you understood that you were challenged, inasmuch as you have been quoted as saying you would not debate with him. This letter will confirm the challenge.

"Agreeable to your statement made in your tent this evening that you would meet Mr. Witt wherever he says, I now invite you to meet him in our tent at Broadway and Gallup on Monday evening, October 18, at 8 o'clock. Will you please advise me of any details which you want to have agreed upon in advance."

"Peace at Any Price"—Witt

In his first tent talk last night Davis charged Witt with being too friendly with traction company officials.

Witt, in his meeting, explained why he opposed purchase of the traction lines by the city at this time. He also declared for "peace at any price" and said that, even though his father had fought in the Civil war, he "is not a son of a veteran."

Charles P. Salen discussed religion in connection with politics and his campaign.

Davis Attacks Witt on Traction Record

Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, challenged his Democratic opponent, Peter Witt, to debate the issues of the present campaign at any time or place, in a speech at the opening of his tent meetings at Forman ave. and Broadway last night.

Davis declared that a formal challenge from him would be sent to Witt tomorrow. He gave this as his answer to what he termed "complaints" of Witt that other candidates wouldn't face him on the stump.

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Mr. Witt's opposition to the plan of the Socialists for a bond issue to purchase the street railway property was the keynote of his speech.

"I am for municipal ownership," he declared. "But first go into other forms of municipal business. The street car lines can't get away from you."

"I never thought the time would come when speaking would knock me out," he said starting his speech in a low tone. "But it got me at last. It was an affliction that I presume some of my enemies would wish would last on me for good.

"The Socialists are asking you to vote for a bond issue to buy up the street railway properties. I am opposed to it. I am for municipal ownership of all public properties, and would have them run for service instead of for profit. The time will come when the railway property will belong to the people.

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"My opponent talks of floating a bond issue of $34,000,000 as though it were an easy thing. He is accustomed to thinking in big figures. I would like to see some one float the issue with the physical value of the property as security. You must remember that when the Tayler grant was given there was $7,000,000 of water in the stock. There is still something like $3,000,000 in it.

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In the course of his speech Mr. Witt declared for peace through disarmament, asserting: "I deny that Christianity has ever been tried in 2,000 years. What blasphemy there is in Europe where each side is praying for success of its arms."

Mayor Newton D. Baker, preceding Mr. Witt, talked of the present administration and outlined what had been done to make Cleveland the healthiest large city in the country with a death rate of 12.98 a thousand against 14 to 20 a thousand in other cities over 20,000 population.

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Engagements that it would be impossible to break was the reason Davis gave for his refusal to debate tonight. He declared he had two speaking engagements and an important meeting of his precinct workers and committee at his headquarters in the Schofield building for tonight. As chairman of his own campaign committee he pointed out that he could not very well be absent.

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"Peter Witt is the only candidate who believes in the principles of the German-American Alliance. If I am elected no club member will have cause to regret he supported me."

He declared he hoped the war would end in a draw but if it could not end that way, he shouted he "hoped Germany would be victorious."

In a speech to the Peter Witt Labor Club at the American House in the afternoon, Witt urged workingmen to use their political power to gain the ends they sought and declared himself to be "for the man in overalls."

He declared that when he was mayor labor troubles would be settled by the police and not by imported guards.

Salen for Good Roads.

Salen outlined his stand on the labor question and maintenance of city streets at a meeting of the teamsters' union at 310 Prospect ave. He declared that if elected he would give special attention to the matter of better pavements.

"The people are paying a terrific indirect tax because of our poorly maintained streets," said Salen. "If elected I'll cut out some of the frills and follies of the present administration and see that the way of you men in life is made smoother."

Salen also addressed the Germania Club on Woodland ave. and a large mass meeting in Molaski's hall, at Ontario st. and Central ave. He reiterated his intentions of seeing to it that the liberties of the workingmen on Sunday were not interfered with.

Davis spent the day conferring with workers in various parts of the city.

Miner G. Norton, the other mayoralty candidate, observed the Sabbath again, as he did last Sunday, holding neither conferences nor meetings. He stated he would have all his forces in action by this week and expected to make a "whirlwind finish."

The Socialists were busy yesterday placing in the hands of voters a handbill containing the Socialist argument for municipal ownership of street car lines. They claim to be distributing 75,000 dodgers.

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Judge Candidates Stump.

More than 200 members of the Independent Aid Society attended a meeting yesterday at the Pythian temple, which was addressed by municipal judgeship candidates. Those who spoke included Chief Justice McGannon, Judges Baer and Bernstein, Police Prosecutors Poulson and Silbert, L. F. Lawrence, Joseph L. Spitz, F. W. Kurtzenberger and W. V. Backus.

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Miner G. Norton's candidacy for mayor was indorsed at a meeting of fourth ward citizens at the Wampanoag Indians' clubrooms, 3130 Lorain ave. A Norton Fourth Ward Club was organized and the candidate they will support invited to speak to the club Thursday night.

Oscar Berger, councilmanic candidate, was also indorsed by the club. Albert Buckeye was elected president and James Dunn secretary.

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Robert Granger and Frank C. Phillips, candidates for the municipal court bench, spoke before the Teamsters' union, 310 Prospect ave., yesterday.

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DAVIS TURNS DOWN WITT DEBATE PLAN

Candidate Refuses to Meet Commissioner at Gallup-av and Broadway.

Wants More Central Location and Says He'll Call Up Opposition Today.

Harry L. Davis will not debate Peter Witt tonight.

Following Mr. Davis' challenge of Saturday evening, R. J. Bulkley, Democratic executive committee chairman, in behalf of Mr. Witt, sent Mr. Davis a letter saying Mr. Witt had supposed Mr. Davis understood the street railway commissioner's original challenge to his opponents, but in view of Mr. Davis' tent meeting statements that he would meet Mr. Witt any time and place, the administration candidate would agree to debate Mr. Davis tonight in the Democratic tent at Broadway and Gallup-av S. E.

Mr. Davis received the letter yesterday and said he would not accept the suggestion.

"I said I would write a letter of challenge Monday," said Mr. Davis.

"I received a letter today from Mr. Bulkley suggesting that we debate Monday evening at Broadway and Gallup-av. It seems to me I ought to have something to say in the arrangement. I do not think Broadway and Gallup-av is the place for the debate. I want it held in a central location so everyone who wants to may come.

"I'll call them up tomorrow morning, and suggest that they consider arrangements with someone representing me."

Mr. Davis said he had no definite time or place in mind.

Candidate Witt said yesterday his original challenge, made weeks ago, was to all the candidates, and that Mr. Davis said he would not debate.

"It's unfortunate he didn't understand it," said the commissioner. "However, if there wasn't a clear understanding then, let's start all over again. Let him make his own rules and choose his own judges. I don't care, so long as he debates."

The week will open politically with the four leading candidates for mayor on the stump tonight. Mr. Witt will hold his tent meeting as planned. Mr. Davis has several meetings. Charles P. Salen has a meeting scheduled and Miner G. Norton has a meeting on Madison-av N. W.

Plans Ready for Witt Labor Meet

Plans were completed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Peter Witt Labor club for the labor mass meeting to be held for Candidate Witt next Sunday afternoon in the Hippodrome.

Tom Fitzsimons will preside, it was announced yesterday.

An executive committee to have charge of the meeting was appointed with this membership: James F. Malley, custodian of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, of the steamfitters' union; P. J. Patton, plumbers' union; Tom Horrahan, switchmen's union; Fred L. Baumgartner, molders' union; F. J. Vancourt, sheet metal workers' union; William Nurden, carpenters' union; Thomas Graus, ironworkers' union; J. P. McMeeney, ironworkers' union; Thomas Donnelly, patternmakers' union; William Earl, street car men's union; Joseph Sullivan, bartenders' union; William Currie, lake seamen's union.

State Senator James S. Kennedy of the Plumbers' union will be committee chairman.

Mr. Witt spoke at the club's meeting yesterday, held in the assembly room of the American house.

The candidates said the Industrial association, an organization of employers, had sent a letter to each of the mayoralty candidates, asking the stand of each on labor questions. In addition, a committee from the organization called on him, the street railway commissioner said. He asserted he told the committee his position on labor, and that then the secretary of the association wrote him asking him to give a written statement of his views.

"I'll do better than that," said Mr. Witt. "I'll tell them publicly at the Hippodrome next Sunday."

SALEN SAYS PAPER HITS SALOON MEN

Charges Plain Dealer Cartoon is Insult to Liquor Dealers.

Candidate Believes Picture Will be Resented at Polls.

Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night charged the Plain Dealer has insulted the saloonkeepers of Cleveland.

In discussing the Plain Dealer's recent cartoon he made this charge in his speech at Malasca's hall, Central-av S. E. and Ontario-st, last night. He spoke before supporters of John F. Kelley, Prospect-av N. W., restaurant proprietor, who is running against James J. McGinty for councilman in the ninth ward.

In discussing the Plain Dealer's cartoon, Mr. Salen said:

"Since I opened my campaign the Cleveland Press and the Cleveland Plain Dealer have misquoted me. The Plain Dealer, recently in a cartoon, pictured me as welcoming a prize fighter, a prostitute and a saloonkeeper to Cleveland.

"That cartoon was an insult to the intelligence of the people of the community and I think it will be resented at the polls as it should be. It was an insult to the saloonkeepers of Cleveland."

Mr. Salen repeated his former arguments for less stringency by the city administration in handling clubs on Sundays and gave quite a talk on the value of the workingmen to the country. He also spoke in behalf of the candidacy of Mr. Kelley, who is advocating the building of a municipal home to care for homeless workingman and boxing and other sports.

About 100 men were crowded into the small hall. Free beer was served and at one time the meeting was interrupted to tell the men that unless they were more quiet the two policemen at the door would stop the distribution of beer.

Mr. Salen's scheduled afternoon open air meeting at Orange-av S. E. and E. 22d-st, did not materialize. Mr. Salen said he understood the meeting was to open at 3 instead of 2 and did not show up in time. Police dispersed the crowd because of the absence of speakers.

Another address was given by Mr. Salen yesterday afternoon at a meeting of members of the teamsters' union in the Federation of Labor hall, 310 Prospect-av S. E. There Mr. Salen spoke for good pavements and said the people of Cleveland are paying a large indirect tax for repaired pavements, charging that the wear and tear on vehicles cost much more than it would cost to put the streets in good condition.

"How will you get the money to do this work?" he was asked.

"By cutting out the frills and follies," he responded.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Salen went to the ball game at League park and sat on the bench with the players.

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DAVIS PICKS SECONDS FOR DUEL WITH WITT

Harry Davis Monday named Fielder Sanders and Councilman Billy Fitzgerald his seconds for a duel of words with Pete Witt.

Davis wrote R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the democratic executive committee, asking him to "arrange things" with Sanders and Fitzgerald.

"I don't think there's much need for haste about this business," said Davis Monday. "As long as Pete and I get together sometime that's all that's necessary."

Davis fixed no time or place for the debate. He also left the choice of "weapons" to his seconds.

Sanders is chairman of Davis' organization committee and Fitzgerald is a committee member, whom Witt calls "Gen. Fitzgerald of the council minority army."

"Let Me at Him"—Witt.

"Let me at him!" was Witt's attitude Monday on the debate. Davis Saturday night announced he was ready to meet Witt any time or place.

Bulkley then sent Davis a special delivery letter, fixing Monday night in the democratic tent at Broadway and Gallup-av as the time and place for the duel.

"I couldn't debate Monday night because of previous engagements," said Davis. "There's lots of time before election."

"I'm ready to meet Harry any time," said Witt. "The sooner the better."

Bulkley said Davis had waited two weeks, since Witt first challenged his opponents to debate, before replying.

"We won't disappoint him," said Bulkley.

Witt to Debate Norton.

Witt and Miner Norton are to clash Wednesday night at Grays armory for the finish of their joint debate.

A Witt labor mass meeting is to be held at the Hippodrome next Sunday, it was decided Sunday at a meeting of the Peter Witt labor club.

Tom Fitzsimons was named to preside at the Hippodrome meeting. State Senator James Kennedy was picked as committee chairman.

Witt was indorsed for mayor Sunday at a meeting of the German-American alliance at Turn hall, and promised the 1500 members present he would, as mayor, end "interference" with organizations of the same sort on liquor license.

Witt hit the license law, and said he is for unhindered liquor traffic.

Witt is to speak Monday night in the democratic tent at Broadway and Gallup-av. He has recovered from hoarseness, which kept him from one meeting last week.

Says Davis Not Informed.

J. J. Breitinger, Barber subway director, asserted Monday that Harry L. Davis' opposition to the subway franchise "is based on ignorance."

Davis announced at the opening of his mayoralty tent meetings Saturday night that he would oppose the Barber franchise because he feared O. C. Barber might use the grant as a speculation.

"If Davis took the trouble to inquire he would learn that we have spent $18,000 for engineering work," said Breitinger.

"The contract for building the tubes already has been let. We didn't want to give a bond because it would have meant a holdup in many cases on acquiring necessary real estate."

More "Sports" With Salen.

John Kelley, opponent of Jimmy McGinty for election to council from the ninth ward, has announced he is for "a segregated district under municipal supervision" and favors "sports of all kinds."

"Sport" Salen, at a meeting held Sunday night in Malaska's hall, Central-av and Ontario-st, indorsed Kelley's candidacy.

At this meeting William J. Whitehead, a Salen lieutenant, also followed the example of his chief, and announced he was a "sport." Salen made his own "sport" announcement last Thursday night.

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HECKLERS PUT WITT ON EDGE, MENACES 'EM

Threatens to Put One Out of Meeting With His Own Hands.

'WAR RAISES CAR FARE'

Baker Tilts With Questioners —Talks by Other Candidates Last Night.

Hecklers again sent Peter Witt into a rage at a Democratic tent meeting last night, while an old friend with an unexpected public confession as having been arrested with him caused him considerable embarrassment. The Democratic organization mayoralty candidate became so wrought up over the questions fired at him that he shook his fist at the crowd and threatened personal violence upon his questioners.

Witt placed the blame for the raise in street car fare in Cleveland upon the war in Europe, proclaimed himself the best traction commissioner in the country, declared he was one of the hardest working men in the city, and complained of the blame that was heaped upon him for things that he had no control over. He emphatically declared that the street car fare would never go any higher than it is now.

Mayor Baker was the first speaker at the Witt meeting and had several tilts with hecklers. One of them was so persistent that he was finally ejected from the meeting by a policeman.

At one point the mayor concluded a statement with the remark that "we are a great homogenous body, going forth hand in hand." This characteristic remark was too much for one of his hearers, who broke in with "Hurray for Davis."

"A voice from the cellar," was Baker's reply, as the crowd laughed.

Other Candidates' Talks.

Harry L. Davis in his meetings last night declared that he will solve the city's present financial distress by issuing short time notes. He said he would bring about a merger of the two telephone companies.

Miner G. Norton laid the city's deficits to poor financing by the Democrats. He attacked Witt's traction regime, declaring that the traction company has shifted its financial burdens off upon the taxpayers. He defended the Smith 1 per cent law as being a city's greatest financial safeguard against such "tax spenders" as the present administration.

Charles P. Salen, stung to action by the attacks upon him as a "sport," declared that he is against the very things he is charged with favoring. Among the things he said he would stamp out if elected will be the "wholesale gambling," which he says is now going on openly in the downtown districts.

Pete Is Excited.

Witt first became infuriated when, after giving an explanation of the cost of the street railway company's power, a voice from the crowd shouted:

"Who pays for the power?"

"The car riders," answered Witt.

"Yes, and you're not one of them," the heckler said.

Witt rushed to the side of the platform, bent over and shook his fist at the crowd, yelling:

"If you don't shut up, I'll come down there and put you out of this meeting myself. You can't run this affair. I'm the manager here. Some people are altogether too funny."

Witt then started again upon a lengthy defense of his four years' administration of the city's interests in the street railway, when another heckler broke in with:

"Let me talk for you, Pete."

Witt paid no attention but continued his eulogy of himself.

Shortly after his outburst an elderly man pushed his way to the platform and insisted upon shaking hands with Witt. He also asked the candidate if he didn't recognize him. Witt apparently didn't because the visitor then announced:

"You ought to know me. We were arrested together once."

The crowd howled with laughter and Witt, holding up his hand, declared he wanted to explain. He admitted the truth of the man's statements and declared the incident mentioned happened in 1896, when he was speaking from a soap-box in the Public Square. He said he with several others were taken into custody because they refused to stop talking.

Witt was explaining garbage collection statistics when another heckler arose and asked:

"Does Springborn buy any of our garbage?"

"Never mind that. I want to tell you that Billy Springborn was the best public official that Cleveland ever had."

"How do you stand on woman's suffrage?" was shouted at him in the midst of another statement.

"I'm for it! answered witt.

Witt invited everyone to his debate with Harry L. Davis, one of his opponents, Saturday night. As he announced the meeting several started a cheer for Davis and a voice cried:

"He's going to skin you Pete. Look out for your hide."

Witt replied, "If I lose my hide I won't be the only one."

He said he had made the street railway system here the finest in the country, had "revolutionized" its operation and declared he "woke up in the morning with street cars on my mind and take them to bed at night."

"I'm blamed for a lot of things that I haven't the power or control over," said Witt. "So is the railway company. Everyone kicks if they can't get a car when they want it. I've worked as hard on my job as anyone in the city.

Blames War for Increase.

"The war in Europe is to blame for the increase in the rate of fare in Cleveland. When it broke out last year men were put out of work and didn't ride so much on the street cars. If there had been no European war, Clevelanders would never have been charged an extra penny for a transfer. But you can rest assured that you will never see the time when you will pay more fare than you pay at present."

He urged the passage of all the bond issues submitted and announced that if elected he would ask the people to vote for a bond issue for a rubbish incinerating plant and a $5,000,000 issue to purchase the Illuminating company's plant if it didn't "come to its knees" by March 1.

"Don't be afraid of bond issues," said Witt. "They make future generations stand as much of the expense of public improvements as yourself."

Mayor Baker preceded Witt and in defending the municipal light plant he was heckled.

"What is the fourteenth ward getting?" was asked of him.

Baker admitted it was getting no service from the light plant, and when the heckler insisted upon a more definite answer, a policeman ejected him from the meeting. The mayor admitted he "had spent a lot of money" and likened himself to a high-priced automobile. He declared his administration had lived up to its promises and declared "the success of the municipal light plant is due to the talents of Mr. du Pont and Mr. Ballard."

"But the thing that makes me happiest," said Baker, "is the fact that during my fourteen years stay among you I have seen Cleveland lifted to a higher intellectual, ethical and moral plain than of any other city in the country."

Tells of Achievements.

He paused for applause but none came.

"Our politics proves this," continued Baker. "In other cities they are handing out the same old political bunk but in Cleveland the officials explain their acts and permit the people to ask questions of them."

Baker then explained how Cleveland had been saved from the possibility of an earthquake disaster like San Francisco, through the insight of administration officials. He declared the city was being equipped with two independent water supply systems to stave off any such disaster.

Baker then explained how he had saved $65,000 for the city by having a fill and roadway made for a gully at W. 65th st., instead of a bridge.

"Yes, but we haven't been able to save any money out here in the fourteenth ward," shouted a heckler.

"You probably have the same habits I have," answered Baker. "You spend more than you can afford to."

Baker closed by declaring he didn't care whether he celebrated his birthday in the new city hall as "my dear friend Sidlo has promised," as he would just as soon remain to the end of his public career in the "old building, which **I love so well.**"

DAVIS VS. WITT DEBATE IS SET FOR SATURDAY

Harry, Naming Terms, Picks Cedar and E. 55 as Place; Candidates Seek Second Choice Votes.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Terms for the debate between mayoralty candidates Harry L. Davis and Peter Witt were agreed upon last evening by their seconds, Councilman William S. FitzGerald for Davis and former Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, for Witt.

The terms proposed by FitzGerald met with immediate acceptance from Bulkley, and under them the debate will be held Saturday night in a tent pitched probably at Cedar ave. and E. 55th st. Each debater is to have forty-five minutes in all, Witt to open with a half hour argument and Davis to follow in the same period of time. Each will be given fifteen minutes for his closing speech.

Following a conference with Davis in the afternoon FitzGerald sent a letter by messenger to Bulkley, in which he said:

"Relative to the proposed debate between Mr. Witt and Mr. Davis I respectfully suggest, on behalf of Mr. Davis, the following terms:

"First, the debate to be held Saturday evening, October 23, in some central location preferably at the corner of Cedar ave. and E. 55th st., or in one of the public parks; the expenses of the meeting to be equally divided.

"Second, Mr. Witt to open the debate with thirty minutes' talk. Mr. Davis to follow with the same time and Mr. Witt to have fifteen minutes in rebuttal. Mr. Davis to close with fifteen minutes in rebuttal.

"Third, the chairman of the meeting to be Judge Fielder Sanders, with two timekeepers, one to be selected by Mr. Witt and one by Mr. Davis."

Bulkley, who received the letter at Democratic headquarters, said immediately the terms were acceptable to him.

In a letter replying to FitzGerald, Bulkley in behalf of Witt agreed to all the conditions laid down for the debate.

"Your proposition concerning the details of a debate between Mr. Witt and Mr. Davis is accepted," Bulkley wrote. "I note that you specified about every detail except a location and we shall be glad to leave the decision on this point to you along with all the other conditions."

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Candidates Talk to Business Organizations.

Political talkfests with a quartet of candidates for mayor furnishing the entertainment are becoming popular with clubs of business men and semi-political bodies. The precedent established by the Builders' Exchange two years ago and again last week is to be followed by other organizations.

The Electrical League of Cleveland, composed of manufacturers and dealers in electrical machinery and supplies to the number of 510, has invited Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen and Peter Witt to speak Thursday noon in the assembly room of the Hollenden hotel.

Friday evening the same candidates

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are to address the Young Men's Business Club at its clubhouse, 2738 Prospect ave., and Saturday noon they are billed to speak at a noonday meeting of the City Club at the Hollenden.

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Yesterday the speakers for the Witt hall meetings were furnished with talking material prepared at the city hall from the public records under friendly supervision. With these canned speeches the hall meetings will start in earnest in the various wards beginning Thursday night, following the second debate between Witt and Miner G. Norton.

Norton, the last of the candidates, to start the ball rolling for votes, is being assisted in organization building by a committee of able lieutenants, who are arranging for ward organization meetings every night, as well as for neighborhood gatherings in the homes of supporters. The large meetings Norton is to address will not be held until after the debate with Witt at the Grays' armory tomorrow night.

Harry L. Davis as chairman of his own committee, has taken personal charge of his entire campaign, and with the assistance of Judge Fielder Sanders is perfecting ward and precinct organizations.

Charles P. Salen, who has been doing his organization work quietly, is relying a great deal upon his executive committee, which meets daily, and looks after the forming of ward clubs.

C. E. Ruthenberg, the Socialist candidate, has his party organization behind him and under its direction he, Tom Clifford and Joseph E. Robb are making speeches at open air meetings every night.

All the candidates, save Ruthenberg and Richard Koeppel, nominee of the Socialist Labor party, express themselves as confident of victory at the election November 2, but all of them except Witt are building their hopes of victory on receiving a big majority of second and "other choice" votes on the preferential ballot. Witt has urged his supporters to vote "plunkers" for him, and this fact is being given by supporters of other candidates as a reason why their friends should not give Witt either second or third choice support.

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Announcement was made at Democratic headquarters yesterday that F. P. Trneny, 4300 Clark ave., had withdrawn as a candidate for assessor in the fifth ward in favor of Louis Zepp, 3218 Vega ave. That Trneny was about to take a trip to California was given as the reason for withdrawal. Two candidates remain in the race for assessor in the ward, Zepp and Edward S. Murphy, 3345 Trowbridge ave.

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Democratic ward leaders and council candidates yesterday were furnished with boost literature to be used in soliciting votes for the council candidates who are on the slate prepared by the Democratic executive committee. The literature was prepared at the city hall and distributed at Democratic headquarters in the Engineers building.

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Mayor Newton D. Baker desires to

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NORTON BLAMES DEMS FOR DEFICIT

Bad Financing Cause of City's Difficulties, Says Candidate in Night Talks.

Cleveland's financial straits. Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, declared last night to three audiences, was one of the two most important issues in the present campaign. The other overshadowing question before the people was that relating to the street railway situation, he said.

Norton addressed organization meetings at which political clubs were formed in the first and twenty-second wards, the former at 10504 Madison ave. and the latter at Linwood ave and E. 65th st. He spoke also to a meeting of citizens in Crowell hall, 10413 St. Clair ave.

Speaking of the city's financial condition he said, "Cleveland has a bonded debt of $54,000,000. During the last year the city debt increased $8,000,000. For the first time in its history Cleveland is unable to meet its current expenses. Mayor Baker says it is running behind in current expenses $400,000 and Mr. Witt has said to keep within the income the fire and police departments would have to be cut in half next year.

"They assert the Baehr administration left a debt of $400,000 in the operating expense account to the Baker administration but do not tell you that Baehr inherited a deficit of more than $400,000 from the Democratic administration which his succeeded. All the bonds issued in the Baehr administration amounted to $2,000,000 and were voted by the people because the Longworth debt limit had been passed.

"The great bulk of the city's debt was accumulated under Democratic administration. Ours is a growing city and we must continue to meet its needs with public improvements. It is not against improvements the people declaim, but it is lack of management and businesslike methods in handling the city's financial problems.

"The $1,500,000 deficiency in operating expenses must be paid and we Republicans will vote for the bond issue to meet this debt. The money has been spent and Republicans never favor repudiation of debts.

"The administration in control, however, says it cannot live within the city's income next year and with a duplicate of $892,000,000 it has fixed a higher tax rate for next year.

"The greater the debt the greater the interest that must be paid, and so taxes must go up to pay the interest in addition to the cost of operating the city government. Our credit is going down and our debts are going up.

"One reason for this condition is that great burdens have been lifted from the street railway company and shifted upon the people. Those who were wont to assail big corporations a few years ago are shifting every dollar they can from the corporations upon you.

"Mr. Witt wants to go to Columbus

Skang Mercurio—222, 179, 187, 224

The scores:

terest and nearly 300 persons attended the match.

The bowling was good, and in practically every game only a few pins separated the two bowlers. Christy had the better average, despite the fact that he lost the match. The southpaw shot an average of 204 2-3, while Skang had an average of 196 1-3.

Davis

I'LL CUT OUR DEBT, PROMISES DAVIS

Says Short Time Notes Are City's Salvation; Would Unite Telephone Companies.

It is up to the voters of Cleveland to elect a man to the office of mayor who will help the taxpayers get on their feet, Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, told an audience at a meeting of the Eighth Ward Harry L. Davis Club last night.

"You can't get on your feet by voting a $1,500,000 bond issue to cover the debt this administration has run us into," he said. "The bonds will cost you 4½ per cent interest and will extend over a long period of years. It is my purpose as your mayor to put this city back on a sound financial basis in a less costly and more speedy way.

"Short-time notes cost only 3½ per cent interest. By issuing these and renewing them from time to time, and conducting the departments economically and efficiently the debt can be paid off in short order."

Renews Pledges.

Davis repeated his advice to vote against the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway grant for a subway under E. 55th st. unless the company bonds itself to begin work within a definite period of time.

He again stated his pledge to bring about a consolidation of the two telephone companies. "Baker promised to do this same thing four years ago and again two years ago and he hasn't lifted a finger to carry it out," he said. "Now Witt says he will do it if elected mayor. He won't do any more towards its accomplishment than Baker has done."

Davis urged his hearers to attend his debate with Witt Saturday night, promising interesting developments.

Begins Noon Talks.

Davis began a series of noonday talks to men in the factories yesterday. He made a ten-minute speech to the employees of the White automobile works, E. 79th st. and St. Clair ave. At noon today he will address a shop meeting at the works of the Standard Welding Company, on W. 76th st. Tomorrow he speaks to employees of the Baker Electric and American Ball Bearing companies, on W. 80th st. Thursday he will be at the Winton Motor Vehicle factory, on Berea rd., and Friday at the works of the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Company, 7000 Central ave.

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A meeting of Davis workers in the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth wards was held last night at the Davis headquarters, 414 Schofield building, for organization purposes. Judge Fielders Sanders, chairman of the Davis organization committee, presided and gave the ward workers instructions relative to the work they are to do the remainder of the campaign.

Salen

GAMBLERS BUSY HERE, SAYS SALEN

Replies to "Sport" Attack With Charge That City Protects "Games."

Stung by charges in administration newspapers that he claims to be a "sport" and that he seeks as supporters all kinds of "sports," Charles P. Salen last night came back at his assailants with the charge that wholesale gambling is not only tolerated in the down-town district by the administration but that it is protected by the police.

"I am strongly opposed to all kinds of gambling," declared Salen at his meeting in Garibaldi hall, 2033 Murray Hill rd. "If I am elected I will permit no open gambling and will stop all games of chance now going on."

Salen denounced a cartoon that appeared yesterday in an afternoon newspaper in which he was shown as an exponent of gambling and vice.

"I cannot see why they should cast such reflections upon me when, under the present administration, wholesale gambling is conducted in the heart of the city and under police protection."

The vital question with him and his supporters, he said, is the straightening out of city finances in order to make a new start with a clean slate.

"Do not vote for the $1,500,000 bond issue," he said. "If elected, I will find out why this money is needed. I will also see that all the city streets are put in good condition."

Clubs should be considered as homes of their members and they should be no more intereferred with than private homes, Salen declared.

Attorney Clarence L. Jones, candidate for municipal judge; Virgil Marani, former building commissioner, and A. de Bartolo, indorsed Salen's candidacy.

CITY CLUB WILL QUIZ FOUR IN MAYOR RACE

Ten questions on matters of interest to the Cleveland Welfare Council will be asked mayoralty candidates at a luncheon meeting of the City Club next Saturday at noon in the Hollenden.

The questions, calling for a discussion of welfare interests and the policies of city government, were mailed yesterday to Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen.

The vital questions asked will be:

What is your position regarding the amount of the present appropriations to the welfare department?

What will be your policy for the division of recreation?

What policy will you support in the parole, escape and honor system of workhouse prisoners?

What will be your position on a corps of sanitary inspectors for constant service under the bureau of sanitation?

What policy will you adopt toward the division of health and toward violators of health laws?

What will be your policy toward the early completion of the new City hospital group in Scranton rd., the erection of a convalescent hospital at Warrensville and the completion of the tuberculosis sanitarium?

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All Build Hopes on Second and Third Choices.

Preparation and delivery of speeches will be among the lesser troubles of Cleveland's numerous candidates for mayor during the grilling closing fortnight of the municipal campaign. Organization work is occupying every spare minute of the candidates' waking hours that they are not on the stump. Most fortunate of the candidates in this respect is Peter Witt, for whom the Democratic organization is doing the great bulk of the trench work under the direction of the Democratic executive committee.

Yesterday the speakers for the Witt hall meetings were furnished with talking material prepared at the city hall from the public records under friendly supervision. With these canned speeches the hall meetings will start in earnest in the various wards beginning Thursday night, following the second debate between Witt and Miner G. Norton.

Norton, the last of the candidates, to start the ball rolling for votes, is being assisted in organization building by a committee of able lieutenants, who are arranging for ward organization meetings every night, as well as for neighborhood gatherings in the homes of supporters. The large meetings Norton is to address will not be held until after the debate with Witt at the Grays' armory tomorrow night.

Harry L. Davis as chairman of his own committee, has taken personal charge of his entire campaign, and with the assistance of Judge Fielder Sanders is perfecting ward and precinct organizations.

Charles P. Salen, who has been doing his organization work quietly, is relying a great deal upon his executive committee, which meets daily, and looks after the forming of ward clubs.

C. E. Ruthenberg, the Socialist candidate, has his party organization behind him and under its direction he, Tom Clifford and Joseph E. Robb are making speeches at open air meetings every night.

All the candidates, save Ruthenberg and Richard Koeppel, nominee of the Socialist Labor party, express themselves as confident of victory at the election November 2, but all of them except Witt are building their hopes of victory on receiving a big majority of second and "other choice" votes on the preferential ballot. Witt has urged his supporters to vote "plunkers" for him, and this fact is being given by supporters of other candidates as a reason why their friends should not give Witt either second or third choice support.

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Announcement was made at Democratic headquarters yesterday that F. P. Trneny, 4300 Clark ave., had withdrawn as a candidate for assessor in the fifth ward in favor of Louis Zepp, 3218 Vega ave. That Trneny was about to take a trip to California was given as the reason for withdrawal. Two candidates remain in the race for assessor in the ward, Zepp and Edward S. Murphy, 3345 Trowbridge ave.

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Democratic ward leaders and council candidates yesterday were furnished with boost literature to be used in soliciting votes for the council candidates who are on the slate prepared by the Democratic executive committee. The literature was prepared at the city hall and distributed at Democratic headquarters in the Engineers building.

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Mayor Newton D. Baker desires to hear Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, sing tonight, and will not speak in the Democratic tent for Peter Witt. His place will be taken by Thomas Coughlin, city director of finance.

Norton

NORTON BLAMES DEMS FOR DEFICIT

Bad Financing Cause of City's Difficulties, Says Candidate in Night Talks.

Cleveland's financial straits. Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, declared last night to three audiences, was one of the two most important issues in the present campaign. The other overshadowing question before the people was that relating to the street railway situation, he said.

Norton addressed organization meetings at which political clubs were formed in the first and twenty-second wards, the former at 10504 Madison ave. and the latter at Linwood ave and E. 65th st. He spoke also to a meeting of citizens in Crowell hall, 10413 St. Clair ave.

Speaking of the city's financial condition he said, "Cleveland has a bonded debt of $54,000,000. During the last year the city debt increased $8,000,000. For the first time in its history Cleveland is unable to meet its current expenses. Mayor Baker says it is running behind in current expenses $400,000 and Mr. Witt has said to keep within the income the fire and police departments would have to be cut in half next year.

"They assert the Baehr administration left a debt of $400,000 in the operating expense account to the Baker administration but do not tell you that Baehr inherited a deficit of more than $400,000 from the Democratic administration which his succeeded. All the bonds issued in the Baehr administration amounted to $2,000,000 and were voted by the people because the Longworth debt limit had been passed.

"The great bulk of the city's debt was accumulated under Democratic administration. Ours is a growing city and we must continue to meet its needs with public improvements. It is not against improvements the people declaim, but it is lack of management and businesslike methods in handling the city's financial problems.

"The $1,500,000 deficiency in operating expenses must be paid and we Republicans will vote for the bond issue to meet this debt. The money has been spent and Republicans never favor repudiation of debts.

"The administration in control, however, says it cannot live within the city's income next year and with a duplicate of $392,000,000 it has fixed a higher tax rate for next year.

"The greater the debt the greater the interest that must be paid, and so taxes must go up to pay the interest in addition to the cost of operating the city government. Our credit is going down and our debts are going up.

"One reason for this condition is that great burdens have been lifted from the street railway company and shifted upon the people. Those who were wont to assail big corporations a few years ago are shifting every dollar they can from the corporations upon you.

"Mr. Witt wants to go to Columbus and have the legislature repeal the Smith 1 per cent tax law. Under the Smith law we get enough money to run the city if economy is practiced. But Witt wants this law repealed to give the city administration unlimited power to raise the tax rate.

Regarding the street railway situation, Norton declared that burdens once carried by the street railway company had been lifted and put upon the people to provide three-cent fare, but under the Witt traction commissionership the street car company had increased its stock to make improvements so that three-cent fare was now a myth and would never be had again.

Davis

I'LL CUT OUR DEBT, PROMISES DAVIS

Says Short Time Notes Are City's Salvation; Would Unite Telephone Companies.

It is up to the voters of Cleveland to elect a man to the office of mayor who will help the taxpayers get on their feet, Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, told an audience at a meeting of the Eighth Ward Harry L. Davis Club last night.

"You can't get on your feet by voting a $1,500,000 bond issue to cover the debt this administration has run us into," he said. "The bonds will cost you 4½ per cent interest and will extend over a long period of years. It is my purpose as your mayor to put this city back on a sound financial basis in a less costly and more speedy way.

"Short-time notes cost only 3½ per cent interest. By issuing these and renewing them from time to time, and conducting the departments economically and efficiently the debt can be paid off in short order."

Renews Pledges.

Davis repeated his advice to vote against the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway grant for a subway under E. 55th st. unless the company bonds itself to begin work within a definite period of time.

He again stated his pledge to bring about a consolidation of the two telephone companies. "Baker promised to do this same thing four years ago and again two years ago and he hasn't lifted a finger to carry it out," he said. "Now Witt says he will do it if elected mayor. He won't do any more towards its accomplishment than Baker has done."

Davis urged his hearers to attend his debate with Witt Saturday night, promising interesting developments.

Begins Noon Talks.

Davis began a series of noonday talks to men in the factories yesterday. He made a ten-minute speech to the employees of the White automobile works, E. 79th st. and St. Clair ave. At noon today he will address a shop meeting at the works of the Standard Welding Company, on W. 76th st. Tomorrow he speaks to employees of the Baker Electric and American Ball Bearing companies, on W. 80th st. Thursday he will be at the Winton Motor Vehicle factory, on Berea rd., and Friday at the works of the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Company, 7000 Central ave.

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A meeting of Davis workers in the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth wards was held last night at the Davis headquarters, 414 Schofield building, for organization purposes. Judge Fielders Sanders, chairman of the Davis organization committee, presided and gave the ward workers instructions relative to the work they are to do the remainder of the campaign.

Salen

GAMBLERS BUSY HERE, SAYS SALEN

Replies to "Sport" Attack With Charge That City Protects "Games."

Stung by charges in administration newspapers that he claims to be a "sport" and that he seeks as supporters all kinds of "sports," Charles P. Salen last night came back at his assailants with the charge that wholesale gambling is not only tolerated in the down-town district by the administration but that it is protected by the police.

"I am strongly opposed to all kinds of gambling," declared Salen at his meeting in Garibaldi hall, 2033 Murray Hill rd. "If I am elected I will permit no open gambling and will stop all games of chance now going on."

Salen denounced a cartoon that appeared yesterday in an afternoon newspaper in which he was shown as an exponent of gambling and vice.

"I cannot see why they should cast such reflections upon me when, under the present administration, wholesale gambling is conducted in the heart of the city and under police protection."

The vital question with him and his supporters, he said, is the straightening out of city finances in order to make a new start with a clean slate.

"Do not vote for the $1,500,000 bond issue," he said. "If elected, I will find out why this money is needed. I will also see that all the city streets are put in good condition."

Clubs should be considered as homes of their members and they should be no more intereferred with than private homes, Salen declared.

Attorney Clarence L. Jones, candidate for municipal judge; Virgil Marani, former building commissioner, and A. de Bartolo, indorsed Salen's candidacy.

CITY CLUB WILL QUIZ FOUR IN MAYOR RACE

Ten questions on matters of interest to the Cleveland Welfare Council will be asked mayoralty candidates at a luncheon meeting of the City Club next Saturday at noon in the Hollenden.

The questions, calling for a discussion of welfare interests and the policies of city government, were mailed yesterday to Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen.

The vital questions asked will be:

What is your position regarding the amount of the present appropriations to the welfare department?

What will be your policy for the division of recreation?

What policy will you support in the parole, escape and honor system of workhouse prisoners?

What will be your position on a corps of sanitary inspectors for constant service under the bureau of sanitation?

What policy will you adopt toward the division of health and toward violators of health laws?

What will be your policy toward the early completion of the new City hospital group in Scranton rd., the erection of a convalescent hospital at Warrensville and the completion of the tuberculosis sanitarium?

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'I'D BE REAL BOSS,' WITT CRIES, HITTING AT DAVIS BACKERS

Asserts He'll Rule as Mayor; Raps Statement Opponent 'Would Surround Self With Good Men.'

Pledges He'll Start $2.50 Minimum Wage for City Workers Regardless of Vote.

PROMISES INCINERATORS FOR WEST, EAST SIDES

Says He Will Talk Single Tax in Debate With Davis.

Day With Candidates

PETER WITT, administration candidate, laid down a minimum wage policy for his administration if elected, advocated two city incinerator plants for ashes anad rubbish and declared the "boss" would be found in the mayor's office if he is named executive.

HARRY L. DAVIS again opposed the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue.

MINER G. NORTON said the city's credit is being weakened, and discussed finances and street railways.

CHARLES P. SALEN, taking notice of a cartoon published in yesterday's Press, declared himself against all forms of vice, and said he would eliminate a "little Monte Carlo" which he charged flourishes in Cleveland under protection of the police.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night pledged a minimum wage of $2.50 a day on city work as a principle of his administration if elected mayor, regardless of whether the labor amendment to the city charter is approved at the polls Nov. 2.

The street railway commissioner threw down the gauntlet to speakers for Harry L. Davis who have been saying Mr. Davis if elected "would surround himself with good men." Declaring the people have a right to know and see who actually is going to be mayor, Mr. Witt proclaimed as his own policy if elected:

"You won't have to hunt for the boss. He'll be in the mayor's office. The directors I'll appoint I'll expect to run their departments, but they'll run them the way I say. You won't have to look crosseyed to find the boss. I'll be there!"

Declares for Incinerators.

As a new proposal, Mr. Witt announced he favored two city ash and rubbish incinerators, one for the East Side and one for the West Side.. He told the story of his term of office as street railway commissioner, advocated support for the filtration plant and grade crossing bonds to be voted on by the electorate, told a questioner why he is for woman suffrage and kept the crowd in alternate roars of laughter and applause as he handled hecklers.

Effectually he silenced a persistent heckler near the entrance to the tent, from which quarter had come continual interruptions while Mayor Newton D. Baker was speaking and after Mr. Witt had started.

The candidate had answered the man's question, but from his place in the crowd the heckler began an unintelligible cry, when Mr. Witt turned toward him. The commissioner strode to the edge of the platform with arm outstretched, finger pointing.

"Now, look here," he called. "If you want to ask questions all right, but if you think you're going to run this meeting I'll put you out myself!"

Heckler is Silenced.

"Good boy, Pete!" howled a man as thundering applause arose. There was not another interruption from that source the rest of the evening.

"The limit's reached when people want to run you," Mr. Witt told the laughing crowd. "People who don't know enough to run a coffee grinder want to run the state."

But the laughing and clapping reached its high water mark when the commissioner, himself shaking with laughter, had to walk to the side of the platform to shake hands with a gray-mustached man who kept interrupting in broken English that he had known "Pete" for twenty years and wanted to make a speech for the candidate. And as the candidate leaned over to grasp his hand, the other, holding up his free hand for silence, cried:

"We was arrested together!"

Stilling the merriment that convulsed the crowd as he returned to the front of the platform, Mr. Witt said as well as he could for laughing:

"Now, I'll have to explain. Yes, I was arrested, but I'll have to tell you why. It was in 1896 when they wouldn't let us talk in the Public square.

"Yeh, that's right!" broke in the man.

"They wouldn't let us talk in the Public square and I was one of several taken down to the calaboose because I wouldn't be quiet."

"Yeh, under McKisson!" the man beside the platform interrupted again. A policeman was talking to him now, and Mr. Witt called to him "Calaboose" and a word or two in the stranger's language, which touched off the laughter again. The man grinned at the commissioner and relapsed into silence.

All through the meeting, a group of five or six at one side of the tent kept calling "Davis!" in the midst of the speaking.

"That's a voice from the cellar," Mayor Baker said when the cry cut in on his speech.

The tent was pitched last night at Broadway and Gallup-av S. E. Mayor Baker, calling this an educational campaign, talked of 3-cent light, answered questions about it, and said the confidence of the people in municipal ownership, expressed when they voted the $2,000,000 bond issue for a light plant advocated by him when he first ran for mayor, had been "justified and verified."

The mayor said his adversaries have admitted the honesty and efficiency of his administration, but charge him with spending great sums of money. The mayor agreed he had spent a great deal, told why, and told two instances where he said he saved the people large sums. He saved $65,000 when he had a roadway built across the gully near E. 65th-st by filling in with dirt from the filtration plant instead of building a bridge, he declared. He asserted that by keeping the cost of the new city hall to the original estimate of $2,600,000 he saved the city $1,500,000 that architects would have added had he not, when he took office, demanded the cost be held down to the first figures.

"Too good for Davis," a man in the crowd cried as the mayor finished telling of the new city hall.

Mr. Witt announced his debate with Mr. Davis to be held Saturday evening and the labor meeting to be held in the Hippodrome next Sunday, when he said he would talk on "Labor Unions and Taxation." He promised to "make it interesting" and said he would discuss single tax.

Discussing the street railway situation, Mr. Witt blamed the loss of revenue occasioned by decreasing car loads in the period of depression following the outbreak of the war for the raise in fare, and declared car riders are paying as much fare now as Cleveland ever will see or even "dream about."

Mentioning his proposal that the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. reduce its rates to 3 cents by March 1 if he is elected, Mr. Witt drew cheers from the crowd and a yell of "Atta boy, Pete" from an enthusiast when he said if the company didn't cut its rate in March, in April he would be back with the tent on the same lot asking the people to approve a bond issue of $5,000,000 "to duplicate their plant in every part of the city." He spoke of Mr. Davis, assertion that he favored the minimum wage charter amendment proposal and Mr. Davis' question as to how Mr. Witt and the other candidates stood.

"I preached minimum wage when Harry Davis was wearing knickerbockers," cried the commissioner. "It makes no difference whether the charter amendment is voted up or down, when I am mayor, whether the $2.50 amendment is approved or not, that will be the wage city laborers will receive."

To the heckler who asked why he favored suffrage, Mr. Witt hurled the reply: "I'm for people ruling themselves. I think my mother was as good as my father, that my wife is as good as I am! If you don't like that, don't vote for me. But if you don't believe in woman suffrage, move! Because the next time the state votes on it it will be conferred.' '

After telling his advocacy of having the city keep $1,400,000 in taxes now collected here that goes elsewhere, Mr. Witt paid tribute to "Billy" Springborn's efficiency and loyalty as a public servant when his name was brought up by a heckler, and concluded with his declaration he would be the boss if elected mayor.

"Mr. Davis' nearest and dearest friends admit he's not fit for the job, but Mr. Davis' nearest and dearest friends say he can surround himself with good men," said the candidate. Let us know who's going to be mayor, not who he's going to surround himself with."

DENY BACKING WITT RALLY.

Denial was made yesterday by John O'Brien, financial secretary of local 17, Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' union, that two of the men announced as being on the executive committee of a labor meeting to be held for Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, are members of the structural iron workers' union.

The names in question are Thomas Graus and J. P. McMeeney. It was given out by Witt forces Sunday that these two with others connected with labor organizations are to compose a committee to have charge of the meeting which is to be held at the Hippodrome Sunday afternoon.

DAVIS ASKS NOTES TO KILL CITY DEBT

Says Citizens Shouldn't Pay 4 Per Cent. Resulting From Big Bond Issue.

Invites Everyone to Attend His Debate With Witt Saturday.

According to Candidate Harry L. Davis, it will be "as simple as the nose on your face" to clean up the city's indebtedness which the proposed $1,500,000 bond issue is supposed to wipe out.

In speaking at a meeting of the Eighth Ward Harry L. Davis club at 5208 Detroit-av N. W. last night. Mr. Davis asked his hearers to vote against the proposed issue, saying the taxpayers should not pay from 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. on this issue when money could be saved by issuing short time notes at 3 per cent.

Mr. Davis suggested borrowing the money from the federal reserve bank here and paying it back every six months, claiming such short notes would keep the officials' noses to the grindstone.

In opening Mr. Davis said:

"I speak to you tonight not as Democrats and not as Republicans, but as men interested in civic affairs."

He charged that Mayor Newton D. Baker four years ago and two years ago promised connecting service by the two telephone companies and that Candidate Peter Witt is promising it in this campaign.

"Are you ever going to call the bluff?" he asked. "Are you not going to say: 'You've had plenty of time and don't bull us any longer?'"

In opposing the Barber subway grant Mr. Davis again demanded that the company furnish a bond for starting its work. He said that when subways for the approach to the new high level bridge were proposed the company to which a franchise had been granted said the city would have to buy the right for these subways.

"Are you going to do this all over again?" he asked.

He referred to O. C. Barber as the man who owns most of Barberton, O.; who has a $100,000 fence around his farm and owns a $200,000 barn in which he gives his cows a shower bath every day; a man who is the millionaire match king and who nearly has more money than the city of Cleveland.

Mr. Davis did not dwell long on the issues of the campaign but invited his audience to attend his debate with Mr. Witt next Saturday night, saying, "You probably will get a better idea of the issues after you hear us both."

Before Mr. Davis reached the meeting it became a free-for-all speech making event. It opened with an address against the prohibition amendment.

Other speakers were Attorneys A. R. Manning and Thomas E. Greene, candidates for the four-year term on the municipal bench; Charles Schovanek, candidate for the board of education; Judge Samuel E. Kramer, candidate for re-election to the municipal bench; H. G. Schaibly, Republican candidate for state senator last fall; Attorney Pierre White and W. J. Hart, candidate for council from the third ward.

Mr. Schaibly said Mr. Davis was the Republican candidate for mayor two years ago and is the Republican candidate now.

Attorney Hart said that if he is elected to the city council he will introduce an ordinance fixing $3 as a minimum wage.

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MONTE CARLO RUN HERE, SALEN SAYS

Downtown Gambling House Has Police Protection, Candidate Charges.

Virgil Marani Calls Witt a Menace and 'Other Things.'

Declaring there is a little "Monte Carlo" in the downtown section operating with the sanction and under the protection of the police, and promising that it would be put out of business "when I am mayor of Cleveland," Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, addressed an audience of voters in Garibaldi hall, 2033 Murray Hill-rd S. E., last night.

Mr. Salen said he does not blame the police for what he termed the Monte Carlo, declaring that they got their orders from city hall and must obey them.

"The Press this afternoon printed on the front page a cartoon representing me as a person who stands for vice of every description," said Mr. Salen after he had been introduced by Chairman Arthur F. Cook as the "next mayor of Cleveland."

"Everyone who knows me knows that I have always been against all sorts of vice. The cartoon is so absurd that it is hardly worth while to take pains to contradict it."

"In regard to gambling, though, I want to say that after Jan. 1 not only will I not allow any new gambling to begin in Cleveland but our protected gambling that now flourishes along a certain downtown street will cease."

Mr. Marani, saying he was not seeking and would not accept any public office, replied to the name "Scotch dago," which he said Witt had applied to him, by calling Witt a "— fool" and a "lobster" and declared he would be a menace in the mayor's chair.

Mr. Salen advised the voters to defeat the $1,500,000 bond issue which is to be put before the people Nov. 2, asserting that the condition of the city's finances is such that no more bonds ought to be issued until a thorough audit of the city's books is made and the city's financial condition exactly determined.

He renewed his promise that "when I am mayor" clubs and lodge quarters will be regarded as the collective homes of their members and would not be interfered with.

Norton Talks Finances; Raps Taxing Proposal

In three meetings last night Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, told listeners that the financial condition of Cleveland is the important issue of the campaign and that aside from New York, Cleveland is the only city he knows of that is failing to meet its running expenses.

"As we go into debt, our credit goes down. We are paying $3,500,000 interest on bonds. We are running $400,000 a year behind in our annual expenses, if what Mr. Baker said the other night is right," said Mr. Norton at a meeting of twenty-fourth ward voters at St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 105th-st.

"Mr. Witt said he would have to cut our police and fire departments in half next year. That's a peculiar thing for a man to say about the administration in power now. Mr. Witt says it's because of the Smith tax law, and now he wants to go to Columbus and change it.

"It used to be when we appropriated money for a department, we had to spend it in that department at the time it was appropriated. Now they can use money from any department to help out any other department and the result is they have robbed every fund.

"There was a time when we couldn't transfer money to the street department and hire 1,000 men to work on the street a month before election.

"And now Mr. Witt wants to remove every restriction. He wants complete home rule—the home rule that takes the home away from the man. Every man, woman and child —every baby, as soon as it is born— owes the city $2 a year for interest on our $54,000,000 bonds. We are losing $1,800 a year on money idle in the banks at 3 per cent. that we are paying 5 per cent. for, money received for bonds and not yet used.

"It has been suggested by one candidate that we shift our indebtedness to the county, make the whole county a part of the city. It's the most absurd suggestion I ever heard, shifting the debts of a bankrupt city to a bankrupt county and then the county would want police stations, fire stations, paving and sewers and it would be more debt."

In a little store room at W. 105th-st and Madison-av N. W., Mr. Norton produced a copy of a city ordinance before a meeting of first ward voters.

"Here is an ordinance which says the street car company shall put on 450 pay-as-you-enter cars in five months and must make all cars pay-as-you-enter in eighteen months, except 100 small open cars they could use," said Mr. Norton. "Mr. Witt has made much of the fact that more cars have been put on the streets since he has been commissioner. As I see it, the street car company merely did what it had to do by city ordinance."

WITT WILL DEBATE DAVIS ON SATURDAY

Commissioner Allows Opponent to Name Time, Place and Meeting Chairman.

He Also is to Face Norton for Second Time Tomorrow Evening.

Peter Witt will debate Harry L. Davis Saturday night.

A proposal of the time and suggestions for the place and conditions of the debate were sent yesterday to R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee, by W. S. FitzGerald, representing Candidate Davis.

Mr. Bulkley immediately sent a reply accepting all the proposals offered by the Davis side and leaving to Mr. Davis the selection of a place.

Therefore, the debate will be staged under canvas at Cedar-av S. E. and E. 55th-st, if the site can be obtained, that location being the choice of the Davis camp, Mr. FitzGerald stated after being apprised of Mr. Bulkley's acceptance of the Davis proposals.

Judge Fielder Sanders of municipal court, chairman of the Davis organization committee, will preside. He was suggested as chairman in Mr. FitzGerald's letter.

The Davis side thus is considered to have the clear advantage in arrangements. Cedar-av and E. 55th-st has been the location for years for opening meetings of Republican campaigns.

This was the letter sent Mr. Bulkley by Councilman FitzGerald:

"Relative to proposed debate between Mr. Witt and Mr. Davis, I respectfully suggest, on behalf of Mr. Davis, the following terms:

"1. Debate to be held Saturday evening, Oct 23, in some central location, preferably at the corner of Cedar-av and E. 55th-st, or in one of the public parks; expenses of the meeting to be equally divided.

"2. Mr. Witt to open debate with thirty-minute talk. Mr. Davis to follow with the same time allowance. Mr. Witt to have fifteen-minute rebuttal. Mr. Davis to close debate with [illegible] minutes in rebuttal.

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DEMAND SALEN PROVE WE HAVE 'MONTE CARLO'

"Locate It and Let Rowe Have Facts," Mayor's Answer to "Sport's" Accusation.

WITT FAVORS $2.50 WAGE

Tractioner and Harry Davis to Hold Their Debate Saturday Night.

Mayoralty candidate "Sport" Salen said Monday night at one of his meetings that there's a real "Monte Carlo" downtown.

"Locate it," demanded Mayor Baker Tuesday. "It's Salen's duty as a citizen to tell the facts to Chief Rowe."

"Salen's 'Monte Carlo' statement makes me get into the $1000 offer club," said Safer Benesch. "I'll give that sum to Salen's campaign fund or to charity, if Salen can prove there's anything like a 'Monte Carlo' in this town."

"Ask the politicians about gambling," Chief Rowe grinned.

Noon day shop meetings were addressed by Peter Witt and Harry L. Davis Tuesday. Witt was at the Corrigan-McKinney Co. plant and Davis at the Standard Welding Co.

Witt for Minimum Wage.

"If I am to be judged, I believe I ought to be judged by my record as a citizen here 30 years and as tractioner the last four years," Witt told a capacity crowd in his tent at Broadway and Gallup-av Monday night.

"I preached the minimum wage when Davis wore knickerbockers. When I'm mayor $2.50 a day will be the minimum wage for city labor whether the charter amendment, fixing it at that, is adopted or not," he said.

Witt detailed his record as tractioner, pausing at intervals to shoot back replies to hecklers.

"Sure, you must know me Pete," said one man, pressing to the platform. "Why, you and I were arrested together."

"I'll have to explain that," Witt responded, as the crowd roared. "He and I went to the calaboose back in 1896, when they tried to stop us speaking on the square."

He's for Suffrage.

"How about woman suffrage?" someone asked.

"I'm for it," cried Witt. "I believe my mother was just as good as my father and my wife is as good as I am.

"Davis' nearest and dearest friends say Harry isn't fit for the job of mayor, but that he will surround himself with competent advisers. Who's really going to be mayor?

"You'll have no trouble finding out who's mayor when I'm on the job. I'll expect every director I appoint to direct, but he'll direct his department as I want him to, because I'm the man responsible.

About Three-Cent Light.

"When I'm elected mayor I'm going to give the Illuminating Co. until March 1, just 60 days after I take office, to bring light rates down to three cents as the city has ordered. If it doesn't do it, you'll find me out here in the tent in April urging a $5,000,000 bond issue to extend municipal light and duplicate the Illuminating Co.'s property in every part of the city. We'll make it scrap its property, if we must."

Witt told of all the new cars that had been bought during his administration and the extensions made and new property acquired. He then made this prediction:

"You'll never see the day when the car riders will pay more than they are paying today."

Mayor Baker told of the success of the muny light plant and said:

"If you elect Pete Witt mayor you'll have 3-cent light for everyone by April."

The Witt-Davis debate will be staged Saturday night, probably at Cedar-av and E. 55th-st, a republican stamping ground.

"We let the Davis folk fix all conditions of the debate and let them pick the place." said R. J. Bulkley, democratic committee chairman, Tuesday.

Councilman FitzGerald, acting for Davis, wants Judge Fielder Sanders to be chairman at the debate. He also wants each man to have 30 minutes, with 15 minutes rebuttal.

"Economy" was the cry Monday night of Davis, who attacked the city administration for alleged extravagance, at a meeting of the eighth ward Davis club at 5208 Detroit-av.

"Don't vote for the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue," Davis asserted. "I propose to pay the city's debts, but not by a bond issue. I advocate issuing short time notes to run six months each.

"Don't pay any attention to Witt's campaign promises. The democrats have made promises in every campaign, and then failed to keep them. Are you ever going to make them quit bulling you?"

Davis again criticised the Barber E. 55th-st subway freight terminal plan.

Norton Discusses Witt.

City fianances and Pete Witt occupied the attention of Miner G. Norton's three meetings.

Norton said the city's debt is increasing while its credit is decreasing.

"I am not concerned with the liquor question," said Norton.

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Virgil Marani Calls Witt a Menace and 'Other Things.'

Declaring there is a little "Monte Carlo" in the downtown section operating with the sanction and under the protection of the police, and promising that it would be put out of business "when I am mayor of Cleveland," Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, addressed an audience of voters in Garibaldi hall, 2033 Murray Hill-rd S. E., last night.

Mr. Salen said he does not blame the police for what he termed the Monte Carlo, declaring that they got their orders from city hall and must obey them.

"The Press this afternoon printed on the front page a cartoon representing me as a person who stands for vice of every description," said Mr. Salen after he had been introduced by Chairman Arthur F. Cook as the "next mayor of Cleveland."

"Everyone who knows me knows that I have always been against all sorts of vice. The cartoon is so absurd that it is hardly worth while to take pains to contradict it."

"In regard to gambling, though, I want to say that after Jan. 1 not only will I not allow any new gambling to begin in Cleveland but our protected gambling that now flourishes along a certain downtown street will cease."

Mr. Marani, saying he was not seeking and would not accept any public office, replied to the name "Scotch dago," which he said Witt had applied to him, by calling Witt a "— fool" and a "lobster" and declared he would be a menace in the mayor's chair.

Mr. Salen advised the voters to defeat the $1,500,000 bond issue which is to be put before the people Nov. 2, asserting that the condition of the city's finances is such that no more bonds ought to be issued until a thorough audit of the city's books is made and the city's financial condition exactly determined.

He renewed his promise that "when I am mayor" clubs and lodge quarters will be regarded as the collective homes of their members and would not be interfered with.

Norton Talks Finances; Raps Taxing Proposal

In three meetings last night Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, told listeners that the financial condition of Cleveland is the important issue of the campaign and that aside from New York, Cleveland is the only city he knows of that is failing to meet its running expenses.

"As we go into debt, our credit goes down. We are paying $3,500,000 interest on bonds. We are running $400,000 a year behind in our annual expenses, if what Mr. Baker said the other night is right," said Mr. Norton at a meeting of twenty-fourth ward voters at St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 105th-st.

"Mr. Witt said he would have to cut our police and fire departments in half next year. That's a peculiar thing for a man to say about the administration in power now. Mr. Witt says it's because of the Smith tax law, and now he wants to go to Columbus and change it.

"It used to be when we appropriated money for a department, we had to spend it in that department at the time it was appropriated. Now they can use money from any department to help out any other department and the result is they have robbed every fund.

"There was a time when we couldn't transfer money to the street department and hire 1,000 men to work on the street a month before election.

"And now Mr. Witt wants to remove every restriction. He wants complete home rule—the home rule that takes the home away from the man. Every man, woman and child—every baby, as soon as it is born—owes the city $2 a year for interest on our $54,000,000 bonds. We are losing $1,800 a year on money idle in the banks at 3 per cent. that we are paying 5 per cent. for, money received for bonds and not yet used.

"It has been suggested by one candidate that we shift our indebtedness to the county, make the whole county a part of the city. It's the most absurd suggestion I ever heard, shifting the debts of a bankrupt city to a bankrupt county and then the county would want police stations, fire stations, paving and sewers and it would be more debt."

In a little store room at W. 105th-st and Madison-av N. W., Mr. Norton produced a copy of a city ordinance before a meeting of first ward voters.

"Here is an ordinance which says the street car company shall put on 450 pay-as-you-enter cars in five months and must make all cars pay-as-you-enter in eighteen months, except 100 small open cars they could use," said Mr. Norton. "Mr. Witt has made much of the fact that more cars have been put on the streets since he has been commissioner. As I see it, the street car company merely did what it had to do by city ordinance."

WITT WILL DEBATE DAVIS ON SATURDAY

Commissioner Allows Opponent to Name Time, Place and Meeting Chairman.

He Also is to Face Norton for Second Time Tomorrow Evening.

Peter Witt will debate Harry L. Davis Saturday night.

A proposal of the time and suggestions for the place and conditions of the debate were sent yesterday to R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee, by W. S. FitzGerald, representing Candidate Davis.

Mr. Bulkley immediately sent a reply accepting all the proposals offered by the Davis side and leaving to Mr. Davis the selection of a place.

Therefore, the debate will be staged under canvas at Cedar-av S. E. and E. 55th-st, if the site can be obtained, that location being the choice of the Davis camp, Mr. FitzGerald stated after being apprised of Mr. Bulkley's acceptance of the Davis proposals.

Judge Fielder Sanders of municipal court, chairman of the Davis organization committee, will preside. He was suggested as chairman in Mr. FitzGerald's letter.

The Davis side thus is considered to have the clear advantage in arrangements. Cedar-av and E. 55th-st has been the location for years for opening meetings of Republican campaigns.

This was the letter sent Mr. Bulkley by Councilman FitzGerald:

"Relative to proposed debate between Mr. Witt and Mr. Davis, I respectfully suggest, on behalf of Mr. Davis, the following terms:

"1. Debate to be held Saturday evening, Oct 23, in some central location, preferably at the corner of Cedar-av and E. 55th-st, or in one of the public parks; expenses of the meeting to be equally divided.

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"3. Chairman of meeting to be Judge Fielder Sanders; with two timekeepers, one to be selected by Mr. Witt and the other by Mr. Davis."

Here was Mr. Bulkley's reply:

"Your proposal concerning the details of the debate between Mr. Davis and Mr. Witt is accepted.

"I note that you have specified about every detail except the location, and we shall be glad to leave the decision of this point to you, along with all the other conditions."

Mr. Witt thus is to face two his opponents in debate this week. The continuation of the Witt debate with Miner G. Norton is to be held tomorrow evening in the Grays armory.

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Tractioner and Harry Davis to Hold Their Debate Saturday Night.

Mayoralty candidate "Sport" Salen said Monday night at one of his meetings that there's a real "Monte Carlo" downtown.

"Locate it," demanded Mayor Baker Tuesday. "It's Salen's duty as a citizen to tell the facts to Chief Rowe."

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"Ask the politicians about gambling," Chief Rowe grinned.

Noon day shop meetings were addressed by Peter Witt and Harry L. Davis Tuesday. Witt was at the Corrigan-McKinney Co. plant and Davis at the Standard Welding Co.

Witt for Minimum Wage.

"If I am to be judged, I believe I ought to be judged by my record as a citizen here 30 years and as tractioner the last four years," Witt told a capacity crowd in his tent at Broadway and Gallup-av Monday night.

"I preached the minimum wage when Davis wore knickerbockers. When I'm mayor $2.50 a day will be the minimum wage for city labor whether the charter amendment, fixing it at that, is adopted or not," he said.

Witt detailed his record as tractioner, pausing at intervals to shoot back replies to hecklers.

"Sure, you must know me Pete," said one man, pressing to the platform. "Why, you and I were arrested together."

"I'll have to explain that," Witt responded, as the crowd roared. "He and I went to the calaboose back in 1896, when they tried to stop us speaking on the square."

He's for Suffrage.

"How about woman suffrage?" someone asked.

"I'm for it," cried Witt. "I believe my mother was just as good as my father and my wife is as good as I am.

"Davis' nearest and dearest friends say Harry isn't fit for the job of mayor, but that he will surround himself with competent advisers. Who's really going to be mayor?

"You'll have no trouble finding out who's mayor when I'm on the job. I'll expect every director I appoint to direct, but he'll direct his department as I want him to, because I'm the man responsible.

About Three-Cent Light.

"When I'm elected mayor I'm going to give the Illuminating Co. until March 1, just 60 days after I take office, to bring light rates down to three cents as the city has ordered. If it doesn't do it, you'll find me out here in the tent in April urging a $5,000,000 bond issue to extend municipal light and duplicate the Illuminating Co.'s property in every part of the city. We'll make it scrap its property, if we must."

Witt told of all the new cars that had been bought during his administration and the extensions made and new property acquired. He then made this prediction:

"You'll never see the day when the car riders will pay more than they are paying today."

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"If you elect Pete Witt mayor you'll have 3-cent light for everyone by April."

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"We let the Davis folk fix all conditions of the debate and let them pick the place," said R. J. Bulkley, democratic committee chairman, Tuesday.

Councilman FitzGerald, acting for Davis, wants Judge Fielder Sanders to be chairman at the debate. He also wants each man to have 30 minutes, with 15 minutes rebuttal.

"Economy" was the cry Monday night of Davis, who attacked the city administration for alleged extravagance, at a meeting of the eighth ward Davis club at 5208 Detroit-av.

"Don't vote for the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue," Davis asserted. "I propose to pay the city's debts, but not by a bond issue. I advocate issuing short time notes to run six months each.

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The four called at The Press office Tuesday to protest against the cartoon on the ground that it misrepresented Salen's views on sport. Salen, at a recent meeting, said:

"I am a sport."

"Mr. Salen, by his statement, did not mean he is the kind of a sport who favors all kinds of vice, as the cartoon represented him," said Rev. Morehart. "He meant he is the kind of man who favors innocent sports."

Salen on Cartoon.

Charley Salen also took exception to the cartoon.

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"The worst phase in the present control of the Cleveland Railway Company is that which exists among its employees," said Salen. "The company and the street railway commissioner, acting jointly, have so arranged the schedules that swing runs are the rule.

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"The men do not want pool and reading rooms—they want work. How can they enjoy pool and books when their families are hungry? If they are to enjoy any comforts, they prefer to share them with their wives and little ones.

"I favor remedying these schedules and giving all employes a minimum scale as a day's work. I also favor furnishing some seating device for the conductors."

Salen said that he was a firm believer in municipal ownership, but that it should not be taken up until the matters of city finance had been accounted.

"Failure to provide able competition to private corporations hurts the cause," he said.

"My movement is a declaration of independence for the city. Among other things I will prove later is that the office of Rev. Harris R. Cooley, director of charities and correction, is dominated by political pull."

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Board of elections members said Tuesday they expect more than 2,500 Cleveland voters to register on special registration day, November 1. On either Saturday, October 30, or Monday, November 1, voters who were ill or more than fifty miles from Cleveland on all of the four regular registration days, may appear before the board. Those [illegible] permits must take them to be November 1 and register. Spec registration may bring the total u to 116,000.

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"Who pays for the power to operate the cars?"

"The car riders," was his answer.

"Yes, and you're not one of them," came back.

Witt then offered to leave the platform and put the heckler out himself, but police saved him the trouble.

Witt also met an old friend who was arrested with the traction commissioner years ago. Witt admitted the charge and explained he was arrested because he wouldn't stop talking in Public Square when ordered do by police.

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Salen

SALEN CHARGES CAR MEN SUFFER

Witt and Traction Company Conspire to Keep Wages Down, He Says at Meeting.

Elimination of defects in the working schedules of the Cleveland Railway Company employees, the need of a universal eight-hour work day and municipal ownership as soon as city finances have been accounted, were advocated by Charles P. Salen last night in addresses at 2818 W. 25th st. and 3225 Central ave.

"The worst phase in the present control of the Cleveland Railway Company is that which exists among its employees," said Salen. "The company and the street railway commissioner, acting jointly, have so arranged the schedules that swing runs are the rule.

"Nearly 40 per cent of the employees have to work on these swings and put in an average of only three and one-half hours per day. In order to hold these men, the company has provided at great cost, comfort stations at the terminals and equipped them with pool rooms, reading rooms and restaurants.

"The men do not want pool and reading rooms—they want work. How can they enjoy pool and books when their families are hungry? If they are to enjoy any comforts, they prefer to share them with their wives and little ones.

"I favor remedying these schedules and giving all employes a minimum scale as a day's work. I also favor furnishing some seating device for the conductors."

Salen said that he was a firm believer in municipal ownership, but that it should not be taken up until the matters of city finance had been accounted.

"Failure to provide able competition to private corporations hurts the cause," he said.

"My movement is a declaration of independence for the city. Among other things I will prove later is that the office of Rev. Harris R. Cooley, director of charities and correction, is dominated by political pull."

The eight-hour work day will be the salvation of all labor troubles, Salen said.

"If elected, I shall use my influence to have it universally adopted."

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WITT ATTACKS CITY PENSIONS; HITS HECKLERS

Scores Police and Fire System and Tilts With Crowd.

DAVIS IS CONFIDENT

Says Rivals Will Elect Him ---Norton Puts Fare Boost on Witt.

Opposition to the present plan of pensioning police and firemen was voiced by Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor, at two meetings last night. Witt proposed that members of the two forces be detailed to other work when no longer able to perform police and fire department duties.

Volleys of questions were fired at Witt when he spoke at Broadway and Forman ave. He was interrupted several times at a later meeting at Acme hall at E. 9th st. Witt charged that the hecklers had been "planted" there by opposing candidates.

Davis Is Confident.

Harry L. Davis at his night meetings asserted his confidence in his election and declared that every time one of his opponents opened his mouth he made a thousand votes for him (Davis).

Earlier in the day, at a noon meeting, Davis was indorsed by the business agents of twenty-eight unions affiliated with the Building Trades' Council. He promised he would appoint a union man to his cabinet if elected.

Miner G. Norton last night charged that the penny transfer charge is due to Witt's extravagance as traction commissioner. He opposed Davis' proposition that the city and county governments be united.

Charles P. Salen charged that Witt and traction officials have so arranged the schedules that traction employees' wages are kept down and working hours bad.

Replies to Heckler.

Witt's announcement on pensions was in response to a question from the audience.

"I don't believe in a service pension," he replied. "I never did. "However, the city has made a contract with members of the police and fire departments. No man ought to interfere."

"You are one of those funny guys," said Witt, when his questioner continued. "You stand there with a supercilious smile. But I will answer you, although you don't want to hear.

"There is no reason why a man who joined the department at twenty-one should be allowed to retire at forty-six while others work until they are seventy to pay his pension.

"If he is injured in the service his family should be paid more than the present pension. When he becomes too old to tramp a beat or climb a ladder he should be assigned to some other work. I would choose sanitary officers from men who have served on the police force for twenty-five years. The man who is too old to climb a scaling ladder would make a bridge captain.

Cheers for Davis.

"How about woman suffrage?" came a question from another part of the tent.

"That's only a plant," retorted Witt.

"You want to ask me about things not pertinent to the campaign. I am for woman suffrage, though.

Cries of "Davis" greeted Witt's announcement that he proposed to debate Harry L. Davis, another mayoralty candidate Saturday night.

"He'll skin you, Pete," said another voice.

No Open Sunday.

"Well, Harry has a few friends here," shot back Witt. "They are more numerous than elsewhere. You had better conserve your energy, though, and prepare for his defeat."

The Acme hall meeting was arranged by Councilman McGinty. The big hall was crowded with ninth ward party workers.

An orchestra played "He's a Devil in His Own Home Town" as Witt entered the hall.

Beer was served during the evening.

"Are you going to allow us to open on Sunday?" asked someone in the audience.

"No," said Witt. "That question was settled for all time when the liquor license law went into effect."

"How about the filtration plant?" interjected a man at the rear of the hall later.

"You ought not to worry about a filtration plant," Witt answered. "The stuff you have been drinking has been filtered."

Witt urged approval of the $1,500,000 deficiency bond and $1,600,000 grade crossing bond issues.

To War on Light.

He again promised to campaign for a bond issue to duplicate the Illuminating company's lighting system, unless the private plant met the city's three-cent rate.

"If Samuel Scovil accepts the city's terms he can keep his plant. Otherwise it will go on the junk heap," said the speaker.

Witt at both meetings advertised his debate with Miner G. Norton tonight and his Saturday night discussion with Harry L. Davis. He said, though, that he did not want anyone but Republicans to come to these meetings.

Witt said that he had tried to keep the operation of the Cleveland Railway Company from becoming a campaign issue, but that it had been brought in by opposing candidates.

"The progress made by the railway company should be the measure of the fitness of the commissioner for mayor," he said.

Director of Finance Coughlin was the other speaker at the tent meeting. Congressman Gordon, Councilman McGinty and David Moylan, candidate for municipal judge, were among the speakers at the Acme hall meeting.

Gordon eulogized Witt as the "most honest man in politics."

"By honest I don't mean simply that he doesn't steal," said the congressman. "Not many of us would do that. He is intellectually honest. He'll tell you where he stands on anything from religion to I don't know what."

Gordon advised voters to "vote for Witt and let it go at that," so far as mayoralty candidates were concerned.

Davis

VICTORY CERTAIN, SAYS HARRY DAVIS

Declares Rivals Are Making Votes for Him Every Day and His Winning Is Now Sure.

Victory stares him in the face, Harry L. Davis declared at a meeting in the twelfth ward Republican wigwam last night.

"I never was so optimistic in my life," he said. "I go home every night after addressing my meetings with a broad smile on my face because I know that we are going to win. I know it because every time my opponent opens his face he makes a thousand votes for me.

"There has always been something to trip us up and cause us to fail in previous campaigns. Two years ago it was a trick of the Democrats in holding up the saloon licenses. But this year they will not be able to play such a trick. The license commissioners have been ordered to announce them before election day.

Davis for the first time in his campaign endorsed a candidate for council when he urged the voters of the 12th ward to elect Alex Bernstein.

Davis declared that Witt's promise to consolidate the two telephone companies is all "bunk." "I know that no mayor can make these two companies consolidate unless they want to. Statements that I am in favor of the consolidation are untrue. I have said and I say now that what the Democrats have not accomplished in fifteen years in office they will never accomplish."

He closed his speech with the declaration that unlike conditions at the beginning of the campaign, there was no longer any dissension in the ranks of the Republicans and that the party would get solidly behind him to put him in office November 2.

The Fourth Ward Republican Club last night indorsed Davis for mayor at a meeting in Friedman's hall, Lorain ave. and W. 47th st. Davis will address the club at a meeting in the hall this evening. Other candidates will speak.

Norton

NORTON PUTS FARE INCREASE ON WITT

Says Peter's Extravagances Caused Transfer Charge; Opens Whirlwind Campaign 8 Places.

Peter Witt's extravagance in administering the office of street railway commissioner is to blame for the increase in car fare, Miner G. Norton charged in speeches at ward meetings last night. Norton opened his promised "whirlwind campaign," speaking at eight different meetings on both the East and West sides.

His principal meeting was at Central armory, where he addressed four companies of the Fifth regiment, confining his remarks to patriotic utterances only. He was introduced by Major A. S. Houts as a "friend of the military" and one who would support the military movement. Major Houts referred to Witt's numerous attacks on military organizations.

Norton declared Witt's proposed taxation reforms would throw more of a burden upon the small home owner and said the Democratic candidate's complaint against the county receiving so much of the city taxpayers' money was without foundation.

In attacking Witt's administration of the traction commissioner's office, Norton said:

"Witt has permitted the company to become extravagant. They have built new and palatial car barns and made other expenditures to the tune of $8,000,000 in bond issues. It is the interest of these bonds that is to blame for the raise in car fare. The street railway company was once forced to pave sixteen feet of the roadway and maintain it, but now Witt proposes that they be relieved of this burden, which will be thus thrown on the taxpayers."

Norton declared that Witt's complaint against the county was unfounded and pointed out that the county had now under construction millions of dollars' worth of bridge and road improvements in the city. He branded the county-city amalgamation proposal as "absurd," asking if the city would be willing to give Solon, Berea and other villages, police and fire protection, should the plan be carried out.

The Third Ward Norton Club was organized last night at a meeting at 1433 W. 57th st. Oliver P. Unger was elected president, E. H. Peck, secretary, and E. P. Austin, treasurer. J. W. Holcomb, F. J. Van Wye and Norton spoke.

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The $6,000,000 aviation appropriation would be divided, $2,000,000 for the first year and $1,000,000 for each year thereafter. The reserve munition program would be divided $8,000,000 the first, $5,000,000 a year for three succeeding years, and $2,000,000 for the fifth year.

In announcing the program, Secretary Daniels said:

"The bureau of construction and repair, owing to the increased size and protection of the new battleships, estimates that each dreadnaught will cost, including armor and armament, $18,800,000.

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"The Socialists are right in trying to force on the city municipal ownership of the street railway," said Mr. Salen. "I believe in the application of the principle under right direction; in fact, I believe it probably the only solution of the utility question. But right direction means that bonds of the municipality owned utility must be a lien on the utility's property and not on the credit of the city."

Mr. Salen declared the city, in going into the lighting business should have "appropriated" the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., but later withdrew this statement and said that the plant should have been "acquired." With the present municipal electric light plant, Mr. Salen charged, the city is not in a position to compete successfully with the illuminating company. Use of the competition plan, with small plants, he said, has done much to discredit the municipal ownership principle. Concluding the municipal ownership discussion, Mr. Salen said, he does not believe the city is at present in proper financial condition to buy the Cleveland Railway Co.

Declaring the Democratic party has developed into an autocracy, Mr. Salen charged it with trying to dictate "how you people shall live," and he cited the prohibition of bars in social clubs as an example. He declared politics has been placed before efficienecy in city business, and said political preferment has more emphasis in the office of "this minister, Rev. Dr. Cooley," than in any governmental office in the United States.

Taking up the management of the street railway, Mr. Salen declared Mr. Witt and the railway company heads have forced 40 per cent. of the car crews to work on swing runs which, he said, net them but an average of three and one-half hours' employment a day. He pointed out the company recently appropriated $150,000 for betterment of working conditions, but stated the amount has since been decreased. He asked why the company didn't give the car crews in salary what it is planning to spend for them on comfort stations.

Mr. Salen closed his speeches by predicting his election.

NORTON SLAMS AT PROMISES OF WITT

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Says Rail Commissioner Let Company Boost Stock Issues.

Miner G. Norton took a shot at each of Peter Witt's platform planks at two of his five meetings last night, brought in the water rates question, and pronounced the Smith 1 per cent. tax law the only protection against unlimited taxation.

At the Indian club, in the Eighth ward, he was applauded when he said Peter Witt has done directly opposite what Tom Johnson started in the street car reform.

"Tom Johnson said, 'Squeeze out the water,' but Peter Witt says, 'Go ahead and issue all the stock you want to,'" said Mr. Norton. "Tom Johnson knew that the more stock we were paying 6 per cent. interest on, the more car fare we would have to pay."

After a reference to the city's financial condition and a shot at the suggestion of Harry L. Davis to include the county in the city to bring more revenue from taxation, Mr. Norton said the administration of the law, and not the law on taxation, is to blame.

"Since they have been permitted to transfer money at will, they have robbed every fund until they don't know which way to turn to find another dollar. They even dug into the waterworks fund, a fund which has been left sacredly untouched by other administrations because water rates were never meant for general taxes."

Taking an afternoon newspaper from his pocket, Mr. Norton produced a list he called planks from Witt's platform.

"Here is something really amusing. It's a joke, I think," he said. "'Rewrite the building code so as to encourage and not hamper building construction.' So he has just discovered there is something wrong with it. No one ever kicked about it until the Democrats rewrote it the last time.

"What has Pete got to do with the telephones now? He is going to rid Cleveland of the two-telephone nuisance. 'Repave the principal thoroughfares.' Before Mr. Witt was commissioner, the street car company paved sixteen feet of every street. Now it comes out of the taxes and it never gets done.

"We all would love to see that new Union station built. They have had the ground down there twenty years. It's funny the administration just discovered again it's time to build the depot."

Mr. Norton said he believes the county is almost bankrupt because it has been improving so heavily in the city.

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"Hullo, here's a plant," said Mr. Witt. "Every place I go," he told the crowd, "the opposition asks me questions that don't pertain to the campaign. Suffrage? Yes, I'm for it."

Then the questioner asked about firemen's pensions, and the candidate turned toward him.

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In the tent Mr. Witt told of his administration of the street railway commissioner's office, and asserted the street car system and particularly the 1-cent pier line had advertised Cleveland as no other city ever was advertised. He said fare never would be higher than at present, and that it would soon be lower again. He talked taxation reform.

He told Davis hecklers they'd "better save their strength," calling to them, "you'll need all your strength and your wind to pull up salt creek on Nov. 3, for the current's going to be awful strong against you."

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Mr. Davis last night temporarily abandoned his position of taking no stand for candidates for the city council and asked the Twelfth ward men to re-elect Alex Bernstein.

"I have always maintained," he said, "that no matter whom you sent to the city council, if he was not satisfactory you could have him recalled. But in this particular ward I want to say a few words for a Republican who is a candidate for council. You will make a serious mistake if you do not send Alex Bernstein back to the council. His word is as good as his bond and he can be trusted."

Before Mr. Davis reached the meeting Attorney H. G. Schaibly said a few words in his behalf. Mr. Schaibly said he "only wished Dan R. Hanna was back of Mr. Davis this year."

"To show you the inconsistencies of Peter Witt," said Mr. Schaibly, "listen to this. Some time ago he said Mr. Norton was a McKisson candidate, Mr. Salen was a Willis candidate, and that Harry L. Davis was a Dan R. Hanna candidate. Now he says Charles P. Salen is the Dan R. Hanna candidate. If I were running for office I would be proud to have Dan R. Hanna supporting me. If I am not mistaken he is just as good a man as his father, who was the friend and adviser of two presidents. Mr. Hanna is not supporting Mr. Davis, I only wish he were. Mr. Hanna owns two Republican newspapers and neither is supporting Mr. Davis. I only wish they were."

Candidate Davis was rather late getting to his meeting and before he arrived the session was transformed into a free-for-all speechmaking event. Among the candidates who spoke were Joseph L. Spitz, Thomas E. Greene, F. W. Poulson and F. S. Day, candidates for the four-year term on the municipal bench, and George P. Baer, Theodore B. Greene and John G. Murphy, candidates for the six year term.

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The candidate further took credit for himself for being the father of the municipal ownership idea, declaring he wrote the first pamphlet for municipal ownership which appeared in the United States, "somewhere along in '92 or '93."

Mr. Salen's municipal ownership views were brought out in answer to a question put to him at a meeting of the Fifth Ward Salen Nonpartisan club in a hall at 2818 W. 25th-st. Questions were frequent at this meeting, both friendly and unfriendly in tone.

"The Socialists are right in trying to force on the city municipal ownership of the street railway," said Mr. Salen. "I believe in the application of the principle under right direction; in fact, I believe it probably the only solution of the utility question. But right direction means that bonds of the municipality owned utility must be a lien on the utility's property and not on the credit of the city."

Mr. Salen declared the city, in going into the lighting business should have "appropriated" the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., but later withdrew this statement and said that the plant should have been "acquired." With the present municipal electric light plant, Mr. Salen charged, the city is not in a position to compete successfully with the illuminating company. Use of the competition plan, with small plants, he said, has done much to discredit the municipal ownership principle. Concluding the municipal ownership discussion, Mr. Salen said, he does not believe the city is at present in proper financial condition to buy the Cleveland Railway Co.

Declaring the Democratic party has developed into an autocracy, Mr. Salen charged it with trying to dictate "how you people shall live," and he cited the prohibition of bars in social clubs as an example. He declared politics has been placed before efficienecy in city business, and said political preferment has more emphasis in the office of "this minister, Rev. Dr. Cooley," than in any governmental office in the United States.

Taking up the management of the street railway, Mr. Salen declared Mr. Witt and the railway company heads have forced 40 per cent. of the car crews to work on swing runs which, he said, net them but an average of three and one-half hours' employment a day. He pointed out the company recently appropriated $150,000 for betterment of working conditions, but stated the amount has since been decreased. He asked why the company didn't give the car crews in salary what it is planning to spend for them on comfort stations.

Mr. Salen closed his speeches by predicting his election.

NORTON SLAMS AT PROMISES OF WITT

Pronounces Smith Law Only Protection Against Unlimited Taxation.

Says Rail Commissioner Let Company Boost Stock Issues.

Miner G. Norton took a shot at each of Peter Witt's platform planks at two of his five meetings last night, brought in the water rates question, and pronounced the Smith 1 per cent. tax law the only protection against unlimited taxation.

At the Indian club, in the Eighth ward, he was applauded when he said Peter Witt has done directly opposite what Tom Johnson started in the street car reform.

"Tom Johnson said, 'Squeeze out the water,' but Peter Witt says, 'Go ahead and issue all the stock you want to,'" said Mr. Norton. "Tom Johnson knew that the more stock we were paying 6 per cent. interest on, the more car fare we would have to pay."

After a reference to the city's financial condition and a shot at the suggestion of Harry L. Davis to include the county in the city to bring more revenue from taxation, Mr. Norton said the administration of the law, and not the law on taxation, is to blame.

"Since they have been permitted to transfer money at will, they have robbed every fund until they don't know which way to turn to find another dollar. They even dug into the waterworks fund, a fund which has been left sacredly untouched by other administrations because water rates were never meant for general taxes."

Taking an afternoon newspaper from his pocket, Mr. Norton produced a list he called planks from Witt's platform.

"Here is something really amusing. It's a joke, I think," he said. "'Rewrite the building code so as to encourage and not hamper building construction.' So he has just discovered there is something wrong with it. No one ever kicked about it until the Democrats rewrote it the last time.

"What has Pete got to do with the telephones now? He is going to rid Cleveland of the two-telephone nuisance. 'Repave the principal thoroughfares.' Before Mr. Witt was commissioner, the street car company paved sixteen feet of every street. Now it comes out of the taxes and it never gets done.

"We all would love to see that new Union station built. They have had the ground down there twenty years. It's funny the administration just discovered again it's time to build the depot."

Mr. Norton said he believes the county is almost bankrupt because it has been improving so heavily in the city.

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NORTON WILLING TO DEBATE WITH WITT ANY TIME

The second debate between Miner G. Norton and Peter Witt, scheduled for the Grays' armory Wednesday night, was holding the center of the political stage Wednesday. Witt declares he'll dispose of Norton at this meeting, but Norton is insistent in his belief that he's going to do a little "disposing" himself. Norton is willing to keep on debating Witt until every issue the tractioner brings up is disposed of, he says.

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The board of elections Wednesday announced it would pay no attention to the protest of Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League, against using the preferential system of voting on the ballot for municipal court clerk. Fesler declares there is no provision in Ohio law for the three choice ballots for this office.

"If we did not follow this law," said Deputy Clerk Caldwell, "we would have had to hold a primary for municipal court clerk, which would have cost $35,000 or $40,000 just to nominate candidates for this one office."

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Frank Burkley, secretary of the Labor Home Rule League, received two letters Wednesday from L. C. Lewis, secretary of the Workingmen's Protective and Publicity Association, which claims to represent the labor element of the dry campaign, challenging him to a wet and dry debate. The letters were returned by Burkley, stamped with a label issued by the Typographical union calling Lewis' attention to the fact that the stationery used by the association was nonunion.

"I cannot take cognizance of any matter coming from an organization pretending to represent union labor that fails to recognize union labor in the use of the label," Burkley wrote Lewis.

Burkley said the officers of the so-called union dry movement were not affiliated with the unions and that none of their literature was printed in shops friendly to union labor.

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Endorsement of the candidacy of Harry L. Davis by thirty-five business agents affiliated with the Cleveland Federation of Labor at a meeting Tuesday brought criticism Wednesday from the few union men who are behind the Peter Witt Labor Club. Charges that the business agents represented only themselves and not their organizations were made by James Malley, one of the leading figures in the Witt labor club.

On the other hand, it was said at labor headquarters Wednesday that the indorsement of Davis followed attempts of the Witt Labor Club to convey the impression that the labor body as a whole favored the candidacy of Witt.

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Davis told members of the Twelfth Ward Republican Club Tuesday night that "he never was so optimistic in his life" as he now is. Davis also predicted that dissension in the ranks of Republicans is rapidly disappearing and that the Republican party will go to the polls "solidly back of me."

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Charles P. Salen, at one West and one East Side meeting Tuesday night, promised that if elected he will revise street car working conditions, so railroad employees will not be forced to be on duty six to fourteen hours a day to get a few hours' pay. Salen advocated a straight eight-hour day for railway employees.

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Witt, at a meeting in Acme hall Tuesday night, got a little of the personal campaigning used by Tom L. Johnson into his evening's work. After his speech in which Witt told about the way he has built up the street car system, declared his opposition to service pensions for police and firemen and told one heckler he wouldn't allow saloons to open on Sunday because the license law prohibited it, the Democratic organization candidate mingled with the crowd in the hall, answering individual questions and "getting acquainted" with the ninth ward voters.

Witt declared that instead of paying a fireman or policeman a part of his salary after long service and when incapacitated for his regular work he would find him another job at his regular pay.

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Ninth ward voters are well behaved and mind "Jimmy" McGinty, as evidenced by the great self-restraint they manifested Tuesday night at Acme hall. Tractioner Witt was scheduled to speak at 8 o'clock but through some mistake in bookings his speeches didn't reach the hall until after nine. The crowd listened to Councilman McGinty, Congressman Gordon, County Clerk Haserodt and other speakers. Also to music from an orchestra.

Everybody got tired waiting for Witt and the word was passed that they'd go on with the "refreshment part of the program." Everybody was dry and hungry and no second invitation was needed. But, just as the line was forming Witt arrived.

McGinty, as Casey, of baseball fame did, quelled the "mighty tumult," got his 1,500 henchmen seated again and held them in silence while Witt delivered a thirty-minute talk.

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The Ohio Democracy is unwilling to have former Gevernor Cox act as standard bearer in 1916, according to word taken to Columbus by County Prosecutor Locher.

Locher is thinking some of going after the Democratic nomination for governor himself if Judson Harmon does not enter the field.

"I received more than 300 letters from different sections of Ohio following the publicity given my possible candidacy," Locher told Columbus Democrats. Most of them were from Democrats I had never heard of. Many gave me encouragement and practically all the writers said it would be fatal to the Democratic cause to try to send Cox back to the executive office.

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J. J. Breitinger, Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway director, will address the Cleveland Federation of Labor at its meeting Wednesday night. Breitinger was invited by Secretary Farrell to explain the advantages to union labor if the franchise for the subway under E. 55th st. known as the Barber subway is approved by the voters election day.

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Tractioner Witt Wednesday spoke to 150 students at Western Reserve Law school, urging them to take an active interest in political questions and to familiarize themselves with all issues in which they, as citizens, should be interested.

Witt made no appeal for votes and made no reference to his opponents in the mayoralty race. The greater part of his speech was given over to tax and municipal ownership.

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PETE AND MINER TO WEAR BATTLE ARMOR TONIGHT

Candidates to Engage in Second Debate of Campaign at Grays Armory.

Pete Witt and Miner Norton will engage in their second debate in their mayoralty campaign at Grays armory, Bolivar-rd and Prospect-av, Wednesday night.

Both Witt and Norton Wednesday promised to wear their battle armor. The duel starts at 8 p. m.

Norton said he'd attack Witt's record as tractioner.

"I'll let my record as tractioner be the measure of my fitness for mayor," replied Witt.

Norton also said he'd tell how he'd give the city a real "business administration." Witt said he'd tell what kind of a "business administration" Norton would be able to give.

"I'm hopeful Norton will be able to answer the questions I put to him at our last meeting," said Witt.

Expects to Answer 'Em.

"I expect to answer them," answered Norton.

Norton said he'd be glad to continue the debates until election day.

He also denied rumors he was about to say he is for the "drys."

"This is a municipal campaign and I won't drag in any state issues like that," said Norton.

Witt Likes Hecklers.

Witt's supporters are pleased at the manner in which he disposed of "hecklers" who, Pete says, were "planted" in his tent meetings at Broadway and Forman-av, and at Acme hall Monday night. Pete said he liked to have hecklers in his tents to "rile him up."

When Witt entered Acme hall someone shouted: "Going to open the saloons on Sunday?"

"That question has been settled by the state liquor license law," Pete replied.

Speaking of ex-Mayor Baehr, Witt said: "She made a good bartender, but a poor mayor."

Other hot shots Pete delivered were:

"If Sam Scovil will agree to sell light at 3 cents he can keep his plant. If not, it's going on the junk heap.

"Are Milking Cleveland."

"The state and county are milking Cleveland of $1,400,000 a year.

"Tom Johnson changed this town from a village to a city. I want to carry it forward still more.

"In building up the best street car system in the world we've had the undivided opposition of the republican minority, led by Gen. FitzGerald."

"Sport" Salen addressed two meetings, one at 3225 Central-av, the other at 2818 W. 25th-st. He failed to point out where Cleveland's "Monte Carlo" is located, as Mayor Baker demanded, after Salen made the charge such a place existed.

At the Central-av meeting S. Woods, chairman, introduced Salen in verse, which included a stanza to the effect that "when Salen is mayor there won't be so much foam on the beer."

After the meeting Salen took his audience to "Starlight" Boyd's bar and "set 'em up."

Salen again found fault with The Press' cartoon depicting him as a "sport." He said that, as mayor, he intends to form a boxing commission.

"Press Slurring People."

Salen was preceded at both meetings by W. J. Whitehead, who said:

"The Penny Press is getting down to business. It's slurring people. It's taking a prominent part in this campaign. Why? McDermott, one of the democratic leaders, told me The Press had shoved Witt down the organization's throat.

"The Cleveland railway stockholders want to unload the company on the citizens. The railway money is in The Press, and its backing Pete so he will unload the property. Witt, too, is a stockholder in the company."

Harry Davis, speaking at the wigwam, 1604 Scovil-av, said, "Every time my opponent opens his mouth he makes me a thousand votes." He branded Witt's plan to force telephone companies to interchange service as "bunk."

Miner Norton, in a meeting at 1433 W. 57th-st, said: "The county has been lending money to the city until both are practically bankrupt."

"Pete's talk about reforming tax laws is foolish," he continued. "Witt knows the tax laws are made in Columbus—not in Cleveland."

Witt talked to law students at Reserve Wednesday morning. He talked municipal ownership and gave the students advice for starting out in the world.

Davis addressed the John Hay club at noon at Schuster's restaurant.

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CROWD JAMS ARMORY FOR BIG MEETING

Norton Charges Democrats Have Wasted Huge Sums.

BLAMES WITT ON FARE

Peter Says He's Done Wonders for Trolleys; He'll Boss Job as Mayor.

Peter Witt and Miner G. Norton came to grapples Wednesday night for their second debate on campaign issues before a crowd of 3,000 or more that packed Grays' armory to the doors.

So great was the crush that hundreds were unable to get in and hundreds more filled every available nook and corner of the hall.

Witt's original announcement that he would "take the hide off all his opponents, followed by a "draw" in his first debate with Norton, brought out a big crowd, which apparently was about evenly divided as to the favorite.

Those who came for a bit of excitement in addition to the wordy battle between the candidates met with disappointment. There was none of the bitter feeling that marked the first clash between the two candidates.

Heckler Is Ejected.

Police summarily ejected the first man who attemtped to heckle Witt. Blue-coated officers lined the aisles of the armory, and but few hostile questions were shot at either candidate.

Norton's array of figures in answer to the eight questions put to him by Witt at their first meeting rather handicapped him in the debate, as Witt was left free to eulogize himself. Norton opened the discussion with a criticism of the extravagance of the present administration and a reply as to what bond issues he would have opposed.

Witt devoted little time to the arguments advanced by Norton. He steered clear of the figures with which Norton's discussion bristled. The last ten minutes of rebuttal he used in eulogizing his record as street railway commissioner and in telling why he wanted to be mayor.

Both Speakers Calm.

Norton carefully avoided personalities. Witt's remarks were also free from the vituperation that has marked some of his earlier meetings during the campaign.

"Bond issues are justified only for permanent improvements," Norton declared in taking up the question of his opponents. Loud cheers greeted his statement that repairs to bridges and viaducts should have been paid out of tax funds.

A bond issue of $1,755,000 for sewage disposal plants was the target of particular criticism by the speaker.

"It is entirely unjustifiable to spend such a sum," said Norton. after explaining that plans for the entire sewage disposal system had been drawn when he was director of law, and that the cost was not to have been a third of the sum already spent by the city in this work.

"The city has gone ahead with a filter plant instead of completing the sewerage system," said Norton.

"No filter plant will take out germs. It has to be treated with chlorine. Now the expert the city has put in charge of water purification proposes that we use lime in the filtered water to save soap bills for the housewife.

"Soft-Soaping City."

"Doesn't it look like he has been soft-soaping the administration and now plans to soft soap the whole city?"

Norton criticised the giving of the filtration plant contract to the John F. Casey Company for $869,000 after Charles Fath & Co. had refused to enter into a contract at its bid of $724,000.

"And on top of this they pay the contractor a bonus of $68,500 for completing a filter plant for a tunnel that is not done and no one knows when it will be done."

Norton accused the Casey company of bringing men from Pittsburg to work from ten to twelve hours a day at small pay in building the plant.

"That is the way the bonus was earned," he shouted.

"There was something radically wrong with the expenditures made from the filtration bond issue."

"What are taxes for, anyway?" inquired the speaker as he referred to a bond issue of $70,000 for flood damage.

"And a bond issue for modernizing the fire department. Part of the equipment is worn out before the first payment of interest falls due. Here's a bond issue for horses, etc. They even issue bonds for 'etc.'"

Scores Smallpox Bonds.

Norton ridiculed a $110,000 bond issue for caring for smallpox, and said that the ordinary appropriations of the health department were sufficient to stamp out the disease.

Discussing the street railway system, Norton declared that car riders paid three-cent fare when Witt became street railway commissioner, but that now they had to pay an extra penny for a transfer. He contended that the company was being operated in the interests of stockholders rather than car riders.

"Witt talks of the wrecking of the New Haven railroad. Who lost? The stockholders.

"But the stockholders of the Cleveland Railway Company are getting their 3 per cent dividends. The men who are paying are the car riders. It is the people who are being robbed by the enormous expenditures approved by the street railway commissioner."

Loud cheers followed this declaration.

New Harvard barns of the company will not be used to their full capacity for a century, Norton charged. He said that Witt claimed to be a stanch believer in municipal ownership, but that he had allowed the capital stock to increase to such an extent that it would now cost twice the sum to acquire the line that it did when the city assumed control of service.

Witt, in opening, said that he regarded Norton as the most able of his opponents.

"How about Ruthenberg," shouted a voice from the balcony.

"Ruthenberg isn't an issue; he is a nuisance," retorted Witt.

"Norton has studied the list of questions for ten days and he has not answered them yet," Witt said. "The trouble with him he is a lawyer and lawyers are always looking at the past. Anything with whiskers looks good to them.

"Smallpox broke out when Miner Norton was in office," said Witt. The crowd roared.

"I don't mean it that way," said Witt. "The disease continued to spread until Tom Johnson became mayor and the $110,000 bond issue was authorized to wipe it out.

Calls Old Regime Villagers.

"Those are the only bond issues Miner criticizes. He finds fault with the way money was spent in other cases."

Witt said that the administration of which Norton was a member thought with the minds of villagers and that its sewage disposal plants were inadequate for a growing city.

"The crack in the filter plant which Norton speaks of is not a mere 200 feet long as he says. It is 900 feet long. But did you ever move into a building that did not have a crack in it? It is like the arguments of the opposition."

Witt said that the bonus to contractors was not a new idea. He said that the Casey company had worked in building the filter plant as no other contractor in Ohio had worked in erecting any public building.

"Within two months we will have filtered water which will be good enough for Miner as a 'dry' to drink. Some of we 'wets' already have the filtered product.

At this point Frank R. Sterba, 11105 LaRose ave., attempted to ask Witt a question.

"Sit down," shouted Witt. "I came here to debate. Come out to the tent tomorrow night if you want to ask questions."

When Sterba insisted that he be allowed to proceed with the question Police Captain Martinic and a patrolman led him from the hall.

Wita said that Norton was the first man who had ever come to the defense of ex-Mayor Baehr, whom he referred to as "Minnie."

Witt said that what Norton did not know about the street railway commissioner's office would fill a book.

"He has made untrue statements about the valuation. I don't think he did it wilfully, but rather through ignorance."

"I would like to have Norton tell me whether he voted for the Tayler grant. I did not. I did not think it was workable. But I would like to hear from him."

Witt said that the valuation of the company at the time it came under control of the city was $24,000,000, instead of the $15,000,000 that Norton claimed.

Eulogizes Himself.

Witt said that he had brought the railway company from a junk pile to the "finest system in the world."

"They say Pete is too friendly with John Stanley. Why shouldn't I be thick with Stanley. If John Stanley and Pete Witt did not get along the system would die."

The speaker said that over and above the credit coming to him for "rehabilitating" the system was the fact that he had curbed his temper and got along with the railway company.

"Except for laying down on his part of the contract in carrying out the Superior ave. schedule six weeks after I took office, John Stanley has been honest, faithful and sincerely trying to carry out the company's part of its contract with car riders."

Witt justified car barns expenditures by saying that he was not a "two by four" and did not think in small figures, but, instead, planned for years ahead.

Says Company Dodges Costs.

Norton in rebuttal said that it was no wonder that the Cleveland Railway Company wanted streets repaved, because under that arrangement they did not have to pay any part of the cost of paving between car tracks. This cost abutting property owners immense sums, he said.

He said that Witt might have designed a new car for the company, but that he had not done anything toward getting seats for conductors.

"You have had three-cent fare for the last time and Witt knows it," shouted Norton as the timekeepers told him the fifteen minutes allotted him to reply had expired.

In closing Witt said that he would quit as a candidate and get out and work for Norton if his opponent could prove that the company paid nothing for street paving. He said that as mayor he expected to "live in the future," and that departmental directors would have to do what he told them to do.

Director of Finance Coughlin and Director of Public Service Sidlo were Witt's seconds. They kept him supplied with figures for ammunition. J. W. Holcomb and F. J. Van Wye were Norton's seconds. R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, presided, and Councilman McGinty was timekeeper.

WITT'S BUTTONS START TURMOIL

Moot Question Regarding Unionism of Badges Heatedly Debated in Federation of Labor.

Angry voices threw a meeting of the Cleveland Federation of Labor into tumult last night when the question of tht union or nonunion origin of Peter Witt's mayorality campaign buttons created bitter verbal warfare.

Delegates leaped to their feet shouting their arguments, some denouncing Witt for snubbing labor and others crying out loudly in his defense.

"Nonunion labor made Peter Witt's buttons!" exclaimed Albert Ihlenfield, delegate of the stationary engineers. "Remember that—and vote accordingly."

Members of the typographical union jumped into the affray, shouting a denial. Ihlenfield raised his voice above the bedlam and held up the Witt button and a button used by the opponents of prohibition.

"Look at them!" he cried. "The wet button has the label of the sheet metal workers, but Pete Witt's hasn't."

Philip J. Plunkett, Jr., a typographical union delegate, broke in with the declaration that the label of his organization, by agreements with other unions working on novelties, vouched for the Witt button being union made.

The battle continued, honors even, until finally a motion was carried to table the subject "without prejudice."

After the excitement died down J. Wayne Hart, president of the federation, was chosen delegate to the convention of the American Federation of Labor in San Francisco. The meeting indorsed the school bond issue of $1,500,000 and tabled "without prejudice" the Union station, Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and the Barber subway ordinances.

J. J. Breitinger, a director of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway, urged the support of organized labor to the Barber franchise and pledged that the work will be done by union labor. In answer to a question by John G. Owens, business agent of the hoisting engineers, he stated the subcontracts will be let to Cleveland contractors.

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Davis

DAVIS SEES OMEN POINTING VICTORY

"As Newburg Goes, So Goes City," He Says as Fourteenth Ward Hails Him.

Harry L. Davis predicted his election to the office of mayor November 2 because of the sentiment shown in his favor in old Newburg at a meeting of the Fourteenth Ward Citizens' Club at Hosmer ave. and E. 57th st. last night.

"It is an old saying 'As old Newburg goes so the city goes,'" Davis said. "And if Newburg goes right November 2 I'll be elected."

Davis spoke also at the Fourth Ward Republican Club in Friedman's hall, Lorain ave. and W. 47th st., just across the hall from a Salen meeting. Both candidates addressed crowds at the same time.

"This is the most important election we have had for a long time," Davis told his audience in this hall. "This is the first time you have ever been called on to vote on a bond issue to cover a deficit in the running expenses of the city caused by any administration."

He again emphasized his charge that outside contractors were being given preference over local firms.

"The administration gave to a contracting firm from Pennsylvania $60,000 to take back with them to Pennsylvania as a bonus for completing a public improvement long in advance of the time when it could be used."

He repeated his advice to the voters to vote against the Barber subway grant unless the company puts up a bond to begin work within a definite period of time.

Davis closed with an admonition to his hearers to vote against the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue.

Salen

JOBHOLDERS ARE HIT AS 'MACHINE'

Salen Charges Witt as Mayor Would Add More Debts to "Financial Crisis."

Charles P. Salen told an audience which packed Royal hall, 5217 Woodland ave. last night that members of the present city administration have devoted most of their time since the adoption of the city charter toward building up an organization to continue themselves in office. He declared the administration wasted public funds in operating all city departments.

"This same organization which has brought a financial crisis upon the city is backing Witt for mayor and we can expect more debts if he is elected," Salen declared. "As soon as I take the mayor's chair I will see that we have an accounting to show what has caused this waste of public funds during the last few years."

The meeting at Royal hall followed a parade of more than 200 Salen supporters, who marched in Woodland ave. from E. 14th st. to E. 55th st.

Preceding the Woodland ave. meeting, Salen addressed members of the West Side Civic Association, Lorain ave. and W. 47th st.

At a tent meeting to be held next Tuesday night at E. 138th st. and St. Clair ave., Salen said he would show where thousands of dollars had been wasted by Mayor Baker and his appointees.

C. & Y. BIGGER ISSUE THAN DEPOT--BAKER

Mayor and Attorney White Tell Land Men of City Deals Which Will Increase Value of Real Estate.

The union depot, Barber subway and the Cleveland & Youngstown Railway—the three paramount issues of the city's development, with particular regard to real estate enhancement — were discussed by Mayor Baker and Attorney William W. White before members of the Cleveland Real Estate board at a luncheon at the Colonial hotel yesterday.

Mayor Baker entered into a concise review of the early history and litigation concerning lakefront land and railroad rights. He explained in detail the negotiations between the city and the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads for the exchange of land necessary for a new union depot site and franchise facilities. His address was illustrated with maps of the district affected.

The mayor declared he considered the foot-for-foot land trade and its considerations a fair proposition for both railroads and the city and urged acceptance by the voters at the coming election.

C. & Y. Most Important.

He declared the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad, providing freight and passenger facilities on a vast scale, was to be considered of even more importance than the union depot transaction. He commended the superior terminal facilities promised by the company.

Attorney White explained the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Railroad subway proposition, commonly called the Barber subway. He said the idea of connecting the railroads to the south of the city with Lake Erie had first occurred to O. C. Barber nine years ago. The satisfactory arrangement with the city in securing right to tunnel in E. 55th st. means the hastening of the project, he said, to the ultimate benefit of commerce.

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BY H. T. M'DANIEL.

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'I'LL QUIT RACE IF CHARGE IS PROVED,' WITT

Thus Does Democrat Reply to Norton's Cry Railway Company Doesn't Have to Pay for Paving.

Political Opponents Clash in Debate Before Throng in Armory, Where There's Little Heckling.

NORTON HITS BOND ISSUE FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

Witt Would 'Live in Future, Not as Relic of Past Years.'

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Statements hurled from the platform in the Grays armory last night by Miner G. Norton relative to the paving provisions of the Tayler grant were met in rebuttal by Peter Witt with the declaration he would withdraw from the mayoralty race and support the Norton candidacy if the Republican could "make good" his assertions.

Mr. Norton's charge was that "not one cent of paving does the Cleveland Railway Co. have to pay for under this grant. They're relieved of it all. Is it any wonder the commissioner wants the streets repaved? Every street repaved lifts so much burden off the company, and the property owners and taxpayers at large are paying the expense!"

It was the continuation of the Witt-Norton debate begun a week ago last Monday night in the Democratic tent, when Mr. Witt asked Mr. Norton a series of questions and Mr. Norton proposed that he answer them at another meeting this week. Charges and counter-charges, arguments and rebuttal, flew from one to the other last night.

Crowds Fill Armory.

The armory scarcely could hold the crowd. The seats couldn't begin to accommodate the thousands of men and women who packed the great auditorium. They stood rows deep at the rear, all around the sides, and in the galleries.

They applauded each speaker in turn. Each candidate was received as he stepped on the stage with roars of applause and stamping of feet. Unlike the debate in the Democratic tent, there was little heckling.

The few questions asked were waved aside, Mr. Norton paying attention to but one interruption, and Mr. Witt declining to answer any, inviting his questioners to the tent when he would have all the time to himself. Policemen were stationed in every aisle.

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DAVIS SEES OMEN POINTING VICTORY

"As Newburg Goes, So Goes City," He Says as Fourteenth Ward Hails Him.

Harry L. Davis predicted his election to the office of mayor November 2 because of the sentiment shown in his favor in old Newburg at a meeting of the Fourteenth Ward Citizens' Club at Hosmer ave. and E. 57th st. last night.

"It is an old saying 'As old Newburg goes so the city goes,'" Davis said. "And if Newburg goes right November 2 I'll be elected."

Davis spoke also at the Fourth Ward Republican Club in Friedman's hall, Lorain ave. and W. 47th st., just across the hall from a Salen meeting. Both candidates addressed crowds at the same time.

"This is the most important election we have had for a long time," Davis told his audience in this hall. "This is the first time you have ever been called on to vote on a bond issue to cover a deficit in the running expenses of the city caused by any administration."

He again emphasized his charge that outside contractors were being given preference over local firms.

"The administration gave to a contracting firm from Pennsylvania $60,000 to take back with them to Pennsylvania as a bonus for completing a public improvement long in advance of the time when it could be used."

He repeated his advice to the voters to vote against the Barber subway grant unless the company puts up a bond to begin work within a definite period of time.

Davis closed with an admonition to his hearers to vote against the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue.

Salen

JOBHOLDERS ARE HIT AS 'MACHINE'

Salen Charges Witt as Mayor Would Add More Debts to "Financial Crisis."

Charles P. Salen told an audience which packed Royal hall, 5217 Woodland ave. last night that members of the present city administration have devoted most of their time since the adoption of the city charter toward building up an organization to continue themselves in office. He declared the administration wasted public funds in operating all city departments.

"This same organization which has brought a financial crisis upon the city is backing Witt for mayor and we can expect more debts if he is elected," Salen declared. "As soon as I take the mayor's chair I will see that we have an accounting to show what has caused this waste of public funds during the last few years."

The meeting at Royal hall followed a parade of more than 200 Salen supporters, who marched in Woodland ave. from E. 14th st. to E. 55th st.

Preceding the Woodland ave. meeting, Salen addressed members of the West Side Civic Association, Lorain ave. and W. 47th st.

At a tent meeting to be held next Tuesday night at E. 138th st. and St. Clair ave., Salen said he would show where thousands of dollars had been wasted by Mayor Baker and his appointees.

C. & Y. BIGGER ISSUE THAN DEPOT--BAKER

Mayor and Attorney White Tell Land Men of City Deals Which Will Increase Value of Real Estate.

The union depot, Barber subway and the Cleveland & Youngstown Railway—the three paramount issues of the city's development, with particular regard to real estate enhancement — were discussed by Mayor Baker and Attorney William W. White before members of the Cleveland Real Estate board at a luncheon at the Colonial hotel yesterday.

Mayor Baker entered into a concise review of the early history and litigation concerning lakefront land and railroad rights. He explained in detail the negotiations between the city and the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads for the exchange of land necessary for a new union depot site and franchise facilities. His address was illustrated with maps of the district affected.

The mayor declared he considered the foot-for-foot land trade and its considerations a fair proposition for both railroads and the city and urged acceptance by the voters at the coming election.

C. & Y. Most Important.

He declared the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad, providing freight and passenger facilities on a vast scale, was to be considered of even more importance than the union depot transaction. He commended the superior terminal facilities promised by the company.

Attorney White explained the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Railroad subway proposition, commonly called the Barber subway. He said the idea of connecting the railroads to the south of the city with Lake Erie had first occurred to O. C. Barber nine years ago. The satisfactory arrangement with the city in securing right to tunnel in E. 55th st. means the hastening of the project, he said, to the ultimate benefit of commerce.

The early completion of the New York state barge canal, with its consequent advantage to Cleveland, will provide waterway to the coast for a great quantity of Ohio's traffic, he declared.

Employees Cautioned.

The part that first impression in a real estate office has to play in the selling of a lot or a house was the reason given by L. S. Conelly, president of the Conelly company, Williamson building, for the series of educative talks to the women members of their office force during the winter months.

The first of the series was given in connection with a dinner last night. Sales are frequently made or broken by the manner in which customers are received in an office, Mr. Conelly

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'I'LL QUIT RACE IF CHARGE IS PROVED,' WITT

Thus Does Democrat Reply to Norton's Cry Railway Company Doesn't Have to Pay for Paving.

Political Opponents Clash in Debate Before Throng in Armory, Where There's Little Heckling.

NORTON HITS BOND ISSUE FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

Witt Would 'Live in Future, Not as Relic of Past Years.'

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Statements hurled from the platform in the Grays armory last night by Miner G. Norton relative to the paving provisions of the Tayler grant were met in rebuttal by Peter Witt with the declaration he would withdraw from the mayoralty race and support the Norton candidacy if the Republican could "make good" his assertions.

Mr. Norton's charge was that "not one cent of paving does the Cleveland Railway Co. have to pay for under this grant. They're relieved of it all. Is it any wonder the commissioner wants the streets repaved? Every street repaved lifts so much burden off the company, and the property owners and taxpayers at large are paying the expense!"

It was the continuation of the Witt-Norton debate begun a week ago last Monday night in the Democratic tent, when Mr. Witt asked Mr. Norton a series of questions and Mr. Norton proposed that he answer them at another meeting this week. Charges and counter-charges, arguments and rebuttal, flew from one to the other last night.

Crowds Fill Armory.

The armory scarcely could hold the crowd. The seats couldn't begin to accommodate the thousands of men and women who packed the great auditorium. They stood rows deep at the rear, all around the sides, and in the galleries.

They applauded each speaker in turn. Each candidate was received as he stepped on the stage with roars of applause and stamping of feet. Unlike the debate in the Democratic tent, there was little heckling.

The few questions asked were waved aside, Mr. Norton paying attention to but one interruption, and Mr. Witt declining to answer any, inviting his questioners to the tent when he would have all the time to himself. Policemen were stationed in every aisle.

R. J. Bulkley, Democratic executive committee chairman, presided. Councilman James J. McGinty kept time for Mr. Witt, and J. W. Holcomb held the watch for Mr. Norton. With Mr. Norton also was F. J. Van Wye, and Mr. Witt was accompanied by Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo and Finance Director Thomas Coughlin.

Mr. Norton, who spoke first, directed the charge of extravagance against the present administration, said bonds had been issued for expenditures which should have been met out of operating expenses, and charged the street railway commissioner's office has been run solely for the benefit of the stockholders of the Cleveland Railway Co. He said it was no wonder President John J. Stanley and Mr. Witt had no controversies, and predicted the people of Cleveland had ridden under 3-cent fare for the last time.

Refutes Fare Charge.

Mr. Witt charged Mr. Norton told only half the truth about contract figures mentioned by the anti-administration speaker. He said Mr. Norton's statements regarding construction of provisions of the Tayler grant showed that what Mr. Norton did not know about the situation "would fill a large book." He said flat 3-cent fare was coming again, and that it was his duty to "get along" with the railway company.

He stood on his record as street railway commissioner with the declaration he had revolutionized the system to make it the best in the world. He said Mr. Norton was "living in the past," but that for himself, "as mayor," he intended to live in the future. Incidentally he labeled Mr. Norton "a dry."

Mr. Norton, opening the debate, referred to Mr. Witt's question as to which bond issues going to make up the city's bonded indebtedness of $54,000,000 he (Norton) would have opposed as mayor, and where there had been extravagance in spending the proceeds of the bonds.

Mr. Norton declared he agreed bond issues were justifiable for large improvements, but not to meet current expenses. He asserted reconstruction of Central viaduct should have been met out of the tax levy for bridges, and that he knew of no "extraordinary repairs" for the Superior viaduct, mentioned in the list. All that were made in the last ten years, he declared, should have come out of the tax for current expenses. "Central viaduct repairs, $110,000," was the same thing over, he declared.

"For sewage disposal plant, $1,735,000," Mr. Norton said. "Why, gentlemen, fifteen or twenty years ago a great sewerage system was laid out for this city. The great intercepting sewer was planned. Experts were brought here to plan it. But instead of having a sewage disposal plant, at one-third the cost, they're going ahead with three, and the one for which these bond issues were contemplated is at the foot of E. 58th-st. They are dumping sewage right where they take it back for the water supply. I say that's unjustifiable, bonds issued for that purpose."

Regarding bids for construction of the filtration plant, Mr. Norton declared the bid was let to Casey & Co. at $869,059.50 after Charles Fath & Co. forfeited their bid of $714,675.75, and that the city as a matter of good business should have readvertised for bids instead of giving it to the next highest bidder after

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In closing the meeting Presider Curtis declared that all the membe of the club, whether they were for against Mr. Davis, were grateful to him for his efforts as a member of the organization.

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SAYS HE'LL SHOCK WITH REVELATIONS

Salen Hints He Will Amaze by Extravagance Figures at Tuesday Rally.

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Twice last night Candidate Charles P. Salen stated that on Tuesday night he will shock Clevelanders when he throws on a screen at his tent meeting, St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 138th-st, the list of alleged extravagances on the part of the present administration which he has been promising the past ten days.

"In my judgment," he said, "there have been enormous wastes. Wait till Tuesday night and learn where some of your money has gone."

Whatever discomfiture Mr. Salen suffered in his first meeting last night at Lorain-av and W. 47th-st, "his own" West Side, where he addressed fifty-eight men and three women, while just across the hall Candidate Harry L. Davis had at least four times the number, vanished when Mr. Salen reached his second meeting.

Royal hall, 5217 Woodland-av S. E., was packed with at least 500 men, most of whom gathered before his arrival, drawn by a parade headed by a brass band.

"This outpouring," he said smiling, "is an evidence that the twelfth ward is ready to overthrow the shackles of bossism."

Mr. Salen censured the city's paving policies; the administration's running of Warrensville; the way Gus Hanna ran his Street Cleaners baseball team a year ago and the business policy of the municipal heating plant.

Talking machine politics he said:

"They never give the real good jobs to Clevelanders. There was a notable example when they sent to Montreal for a recreation commissioner when all the great recreation movements begin right here in Cleveland."

A heckler at the East Side meeting asked: "Did you ever employ a colored man when you were at city hall?"

The reply was:

"My dear sir, there were more colored men hired by the city when I was director of public works than at any other time in the history of Cleveland."

Virgil G. Marani, Salen aid, was again on the platform. He stated that "three gentlemen and Peter Witt" were running for office. He said the late Tom L. Johnson was a "grampus, the brother-in-law of a whale and a porpoise" and that Mayor Newton D. Baker, Collector of Customs Burr Gongwer and Peter Witt are the "suckers" who are going to bring the memory of the "grampus" to an untimely end.

DAVIS SAYS NAUGHT WILL STOP DEBATE

Asserts 'I'll Meet Witt Saturday if They Have to Carry Me to Tent.'

Charges Opponents 'Throwing People's Money in Gutter.'

Candidate Harry L. Davis is going to be on hand to debate Candidate Peter Witt Saturday night. For this event Mr. Davis is conserving some of his campaign material. Then, he says, he is going to let loose, and all next week will bombard Candidate Witt with new arguments, closing his campaign Monday night, Nov. 1, with a big tent meeting in the Newburg section.

In answer to a quip in an afternoon paper, suggesting a place where Mr. Davis might contract a cold or tonsilitis before Saturday night, Mr. Davis said:

"I think if they knew of such a place and could get me there they would have had me there before now, because they are none too anxious for me to have my voice in good condition Saturday night. Maybe that's why Peter has missed so many meetings. Probably they steered him there. I'll be at the tent Saturday night if they have to carry me there, and my voice will be in pretty good trim."

This is what he told an audience in a hall at a meeting of the Fourth Ward Republican club at Lorain-av and W. 47th-st.

Hall meetings will be discontinued by Mr. Davis this week and every evening next week he will speak at tent meetings, promising new arguments for every night.

Arguing that the issue of the campaign is "shall the next mayor of Cleveland live within his means?" Mr. Davis said:

"If the next mayor of Cleveland is the choice of the present mayor and attempts concealing and hiding things that are going on at the city hall he will find he has a difficult job. He can't do it. They can't keep on throwing the people's money in the gutter and not giving them the things they are entitled to."

Repeating his opposition to the Barber subway grant, he said he would not give a franchise to any person who would not be willing to give a sufficient guarantee that he'll go through with the bargain.

At a meeting at E. 57th-st and Hosmer-av S. E., in discussing the grant, Mr. Davis said:

"Mr. Barber hasn't sufficient confidence in his proposition and doesn't feel sure enough of putting it over to spend $400 or $500 for a bond. Wake up to this thing. We've had enough put over on us already and we should demand the guarantee."

He also spoke against the $1,500,000 emergency revenue bond issue and said he knew from his experience as city treasurer that money could be saved at the city hall. In discussing the $60,000 bonus given on filtration plant work he said the administration was practically "taking money from your pocket and from mine and throwing it into the gutter."

At the Hosmer-av S. E. meeting, Mr. Davis was greeted by a band and a bugle and drum corps. At both meetings last night the halls were too small for the crowds and scores had to stand up.

Candidate for the municipal bench seem to be on the increase at meetings of mayoralty candidates. A number spoke at both of Mr. Davis' meetings last night.

'For or Against Me?' Candidate Davis Asks

Harry L. Davis, Republican candidate for mayor, told members of the John Hay club in appealing for their support yesterday that it is their duty to take a definite stand on the question of his candidacy.

"If you are not going to come out you ought to disband," he said.

The meeting was closed by President Monroe Curtis without a call for a vote on indorsement of any candidate.

The address took place after a noon day luncheon at Schuster's restaurant on E. 12th-st. There were about sixty present.

"Some of the members of this club say openly they are for Witt," said Candidate Davis. "Others are neutral. As a club that pretends to be for good government you ought to

NOW 'TIS SAID: ELECT HARRY TO SAVE COUNTRY

Backer Asserts Burton Will be Swept Into White House on Davis Tidal Wave.

THEN HE ASKS COIN TO AID

Davis "Sympathetic, So He'll be Good Mayor," Letter Asserts.

Funds for Harry L. Davis' mayoralty campaign are being asked on the ground that the election of Davis will influence the nation to elect a republican president next year.

"A Davis victory here will be a start toward the election of Theodore E. Burton as president in 1916," said H. W. Brandt, chairman of Davis' campaign committee, Thursday.

"Ohio is a pivot state. Lots of voters think a high protective tariff will be necessary when the European war ends."

Miner G. Norton said, "My election will have nothing to do with the election of the next president."

See Fight for Power.

Republican leaders say they see in the Davis letter the first open statement that the mayoralty campaign is really a fight for republican party control to see whether Gov. Willis or Burton delegates shall go to the next national convention.

"Success means more than assuring us of a clean, efficient and economical government—it means it will influence the national election in 1916 in a way favorable to the republican party," says the letter.

In discussing Davis, the letter says:

"His naturally sympathetic and open disposition eminently qualifies him to make a good mayor."

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RUTHENBERG WOULD DEBATE ALL RIVALS

C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist mayoralty candidate, Thursday issued an open letter challenging Pete Witt, Harry Davis, Miner Norton and Charley Salen to debate, either singly or collectively.

Ruthenberg gives the topic as: "Resolved, that the interests of the working people of Cleveland will not be advanced by the election of Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton or Charles P. Salen as mayor."

UNIONS DEFEND WITT'S BUTTONS

Labor Federation Announces Closed Shop Factory Made Campaign Aids.

Hears Barber Subway Proposal Explained in Detail.

Action taken by the Cleveland Federation of Labor at its meeting last night refuted the claim the buttons used in the Peter Witt campaign are not union made. With evidence that the factory in Rochester, N. Y., which turned out the buttons is entirely unionized, the federation voted almost unanimously against considering the charges the campaign button was nonunion.

Testimony by members of the Typographical union and delegates who had worked in Rochester, N. Y., was accepted as vouching for the buttons and the union labels on them.

The resolution of the legislative committee on the Cleveland & Youngstown and union station propositions was laid on the table. The bond issue for $1,500,000 for school purposes was approved after a heated argument.

J. J. Braitinger, representing the company spoke on the Barber subway grant. He explained in detail the purposes of the big tube; the advantages to the city; the certainty of employing union labor and giving work to the people of Cleveland. On account of the late hour no action was taken.

The contest for the selection of a delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention at San Francisco this year resulted in the selection of J. W. Hart, president of the Cleveland body.

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"QUIT," SAYS NORTON; "I WON'T," SAYS WITT

As an aftermath of their debate at Grays armory Wednesday night, Miner Norton Thursday demanded Pete Witt withdraw from the mayoralty race.

"Pete said he'd quit if I showed him the Concon didn't have to pay for repaving streets," said Miner. "The Tayler grant, in section 7, proves this."

Witt said he wasn't going to withdraw.

"Poor Miner, he can't understand the Tayler grant," said Witt. "In the last three years we have repaved 85 miles and the Concon has paid for 83½ miles of this. Does that look as tho the company didn't have to pay for its paving?"

3500 Attend Debate.

A crowd of over 3500 jammed the armory to hear the verbal duel.

"Money to reconstruct Central viaduct shouldn't have been raised by a bond issue," said Norton.

"The bridge was rebuilt into a high level bridge," replied Witt. "The people of 1912 shouldn't pay all the cost for something the next generation will use."

"Waste!" Cries Miner.

"They've spent $1,755,000 to purify the river with sewage disposal plants. They've wasted money by building three plants instead of one. The filtration plant won't free the water from germs at all?" cried Norton.

"Norton lives in the past, when Cleveland was a village. He thinks one disposal plant is enough. He says the filtration plant opening is indefinite. I tell you it will take place within a few months, and Norton, as a 'dry,' will have good water to drink," shot back Witt.

"Looking Forward."

"Witt has built car shops that we can't use for years" said Norton.

"Norton's looking backward," came Witt's response. "I'm always looking ahead into the future. I think this city is destined to be one of the greatest cities in the world."

"No Longer a Village."

"In my day, 18 years ago, we sold bonds at 3.13 per cent interest, we planned for one big sewage disposal plant and we bought land for $5000 for a pumping station," said Norton.

"Poor Miner, he can't forget the days when he held office here, the days when Cleveland was a village and the officials thought as villagers," replied Witt.

"Norton's day is gone. This is now a city of nearly 750,000 people, destined soon to have a 1,000,000 population.

"The filtration plant wall is cracked over 200 feet," said Norton.

"Wrong, it's cracked 900 feet," replied Witt.

As to Smallpox.

"The city has spent $110,000 of bond money for smallpox. When have we had any smallpox here?" Norton ridiculed.

"The city had its worst smallpox epidemic in 1897, when Norton held office," Witt shouted. The crowd roared.

"The rate of car fare came down when B ehr was mayor," Norton argued.

"I take off my hat to you, Miner," Witt laughed. "You've got nerve. You're the first man to indorse the administration of Minnie Baehr. Even Minnie herself wants to forget."

"Witt has let the Concon stockholders increase their stock. The people have been robbed by these enormous expenditures for car shops, new cars and the like," said Norton.

"Miner doesn't know the Tayler grant," answered Witt. "The trouble with him may be that he is a lawyer. You know a lawyer can't find any good in a thing unless it has whiskers."

Offers to Quit Race.

"Concon stockholders have made three and four points on each share," said Norton.

"That's the reason we've been able to finance improvements," asserted Witt. "If it had been any other way, bankers would have made five points a share.

"Concon stockholders are getting the advantage because the Concon doesn't have to do its share when a street is repaved," said Norton.

"If Norton can prove that I'll quit in his favor," countered Witt.

"John Stanley didn't even have nerve enough to ask for all the money Witt let him spend," shouted Norton.

"It's no use trying to teach Miner anything," stated Witt in conclusion. "He lives in the past. You don't want a mayor like that.

"When I'm mayor I'm going to display the same energy I did as tractioner. I want to be mayor because of the power it will give.

"Golden Days to Come."

"I want that power to use in helping bring about home rule, reform in taxation and in ushering in the golden days that are yet to come, the golden days when we all in our collective capacity must be just as good as we are expected to be individually."

Once a questioner tried to interrupt Witt, but he was told to come to the tent meetings.

When Norton had trouble locating figures to shoot at Witt, the crowd gave him a good-natured laugh.

Witt said Norton was the ablest of his opponents.

"How about Ruthenberg?" came a voice.

"He isn't an issue, he's a nuisance," said Witt.

SALEN DEFINES WHAT 'SPORT' IS

'He's a Live Wire; Never Wears Petticoats,' Charley Says.

"Sport" Salen Wednesday night elaborated on his definition of a "sport." Salen previously had said a "sport was a good fellow."

Here's how he defined a "sport" before a crowd that packed Royal hall:

"The Cleveland Press has dignified me with the title of 'Sport Salen.' The title comes a little late; I've got gray hair.

"If The Press thinks it's going to discourage my interest in athletic sports, it's mightily mistaken.

"There are lots of worse titles than 'Sport.' A 'sport's' a live wire—never a dead one. And a real 'sport' never wears petticoats."

Salen divided his two addresses into attacking the city administration, Peter Witt and The Press.

"I'm done with The Press, but it isn't done with me," Salen said. "There's a difference between The Press and myself. The difference is that The Press' interest in sport is mercenary. The Press has done many good things, and has championed many good causes, but now it's boosting only what it believes to be to its interest."

Salen, before going to Royal hall, addressed members of the West-side civic association, Lorain-av and W. 47th-st.

While the audience was leaving Royal hall handbills were passed to the crowd attacking Salen. The handbills were labeled, "How Charlie Salen stood by the Hucksters." They accused Salen, while director of public works under Mayor Johnson, with urging the passage of an ordinance to compel hucksters to pay $50 license fee a year.

Mayor Johnson vetoed the ordinance.

Salen then held a meeting on the curb and said the circular was false.

DRUMS CHEER DAVIS SPEECH

Add to Applause as Harry Speaks in Native Ward.

Harry L. Davis is saving his "best stuff" to spring the last week of his mayoralty campaign, he said Thursday.

"When the tent goes out on an every-night schedule, beginning Monday, we'll be in the limelight," said Davis.

When Davis arrived Wednesday night at the hall over M. Hetman's saloon, Hosmer-av and E. 57th-st, the bartender came running out and told Davis to wait in the hall, while he went upstairs and set the stage for the dramatic appearance.

A moment later the candidate, bowing, pushed his way up front, while a seven-piece band blared a march.

This was followed by a selection by a bugle and drum corps, which did service later in augmenting the applause.

Davis began:

"Friends of my old ward where I was born and raised, I thank you for this generous reception."

Loud drumming.

"It's like coming home after a long journey," continued the candidate.

More drumming.

Then someone dropped a nickel in the mechanical piano in the saloon below, and the strains of ragtime floated up the stairway, until the chairman dispatched a special messenger to stop the music.

Davis vigorously urged his hearers to vote down the Barber subway grant.

Davis invited his hearers to the Witt-Davis debate in a tent at E. 55th-st and Cedar-av Saturday night.

He pulled from his pocket a clipping from the "Most Anything" column of Wednesday's Press, and read:

"We have in our possession a piece of information of considerable value to Harry Davis. We know a spot in which he can stand and be sure to catch cold or tonsilitis between now and Saturday night."

Then Davis remarked, "I don't believe The Press knows of any such place; if they did they'd have Peter Witt there right now. You know they say he is skipping some of his meetings, anyhow.

"I'll debate with him Saturday if they have to carry me into the tent."

Davis and Charlie Salen spoke with only a wall separating them Wednesday night at Lorain-av and W. 47th-st.

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DEMANDS WITT QUIT RACE, AS HE PROMISED

Norton Claims Proof Tayler Grant Puts Paving Burden on Taxpayer.

CITES SECTION HE HAD QUOTED AT DEBATE

Sidlo Defends Witt Stand and Shows Company Does Pay Sometimes.

Miner G. Norton Thursday made formal demand that Tractioner Witt withdraw from the mayoralty race and live up to a promise made Wednesday night in Grays' armory where Norton and Witt debated. Norton charged that the burden of paving between the street railway tracks has been shifted from the street railway company to the taxpayers through provisions in the Tayler grant. Witt denied this and declared that if Norton could prove his charge he would withdraw.

Thursday Norton cited Section 7 of the Tayler grant as his proof. This section says:

"The company shall maintain in constant repair the pavement within a space of seven feet for single track, and for double track the entire space between the outer rails of both its tracks—but the company shall not be required to repave by virtue of any requirement of the general ordinances of the city of Cleveland during this grant."

"This section," Norton said Thursday, "specifically states that the railway company shall not pay for repaving. In effect it means that as long as the railway company can repair the space between its rails by laying a few blocks here and there, it shall pay the cost of this work, but the moment it becomes necessary to repave the entire strip—when it is beyond repair—the cost of this work shall be borne by the city.

Sidlo Defends Witt.

At city hall Thursday Service Director Sidlo, former secretary to Witt, offered a defense of Witt, but made no explanation of why "an agreement" between the city and railway company was allowed to replace a section of the Tayler grant adopted by vote of the people. Sidlo declared that under an agreement the railway company paid for pavement it "initiated," but that when the city wanted to do the paving it paid for work done between railway tracks. Here is Sidlo's defense:

"Residents of 'millionaires' row' must pay for the paving in the devilstrip and between the tracks which the Cleveland Railway Company laid two months ago in front of their homes because the city, just prior to the track laying, began publishing repaving notices.

"In all street railway franchises the paving problem is disposed of in this manner. If the city initiates the street improvement abutting property owners and the city must stand the entire cost. If the railway company initiates the improvement, and in the case of extensions, it must pave the devilstrip, between the tracks, and a foot beyond both outer rails.

Company Paved Ninety Miles.

"In this way, in the last four years, the railway company has paid for the paving along thirty-five miles of extensions and fifty-five miles of relaid track. When the company put down a new roadbed on Euclid ave. between E. 55th and 107th sts. it initiated the improvement and paid every cent of the cost. But on Euclid between E. 22d and 40th sts. the city planned to repave and widen the street and published notice thereof. Consequently, abutting property owners will pay for the repaving from curb to curb."

Records in the city engineer's office show that in cases where the railway company has decided to relay rails and has torn them up the company has put the street back in proper condition, sometimes entirely repaving between its tracks, and has paid for this work. On streets where the city has repaved on its own order the city also has paid for work done between the tracks, the records show.

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Mrs. Virginia D. Green, 2117 E. 40th st., present member; F. W. Steffen, 1828 E. 20th st., secretary-treasurer of the Cleveland Typographical union, and Mark L. Thomsen, 8126 Euclid ave., are the choice of the Civic League for school board members, the league declares in its first pre-election bulletin Thursday.

Other candidates are: E. E. Admire, 6303 Franklin ave., business college head; J. B. Frauenthal, 5703 Lexington ave., engineer; M. C. Yeagle, 1419 E. 110th st., merchant, and Siegfried Neubauer, Minnie Rivkin and E. O. Wilcox. The last three are Socialist nominees.

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West Siders Wednesday night had a glimpse at the Democratic machine's campaign movie entitled for reasons not apparent, "The Municipal Monthly." The thousand feet of film designed to impress voters with Peter Witt's greatness would lead people to believe that among other things Witt is entitled to be elected because he is responsible for:

The new Detroit-Superior high level bridge.

The curing of 90 per cent of the tuburcular patients at Warrensville sanitarium.

The extracting of $100,000 profit annually from 13,000 subscribers to the municipal light plant.

The natural amphitheater at Brookside park.

The Edgewater park bathing beach, a midsummer scene from which is shown.

The laying of car tracks in millionaire's row. The "monthly" shows a scene taken when workmen were tearing up Euclid ave., preparatory to laying the tracks.

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Harry L. Davis told supporters at a meeting at Hosmer ave. and E. 57th st. Wednesday night, that "as Newburg goes so goes the city." He added that he was confident he would carry Newburg and that consequently he will be Cleveland's next mayor. Davis renewed his extravagance charges and his charge that favoritism is shown in awarding city contracts.

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TIGHTEN UP ON FARM PRISONERS TO HELP WITT

Welfare department records showed conclusively Thursday that the Warrensville workhouse, judged from accredited city hall standards, is getting to be a regular penal institution. Comparative figures on paroles and escapes made it plain a much tighter policy is now in effect. This, city hall understands, has been brought about by adverse criticism and the decided stand of all mayoralty candidates, even including Witt, against the Cooley "paroles to all" policy.

Nevertheless, Welfare Director Cooley insisted Thursday that there has been no change and will be none, and further that paroles granted this year will average up proportionately with those handed out last year. Which means, according to Cooley's own figures, that 412 paroles must be given in the balance of the year to exactly 890 prisoners.

Shakeup Is Coming.

That January 1 will see a decided shakeup in the welfare department is no secret at city hall. Whoever succeeds Baker as mayor will change the workhouse policy radically it is certain. Cooley, Charities Commissioner Winans and Workhouse Superintendent Mack, reading the handwriting on the wall, have secretly adopted more stringent regulations concerning paroles to let them down as easy as possible, is the accepted view.

Cooley's records showed Thursday that of the 3,710 prisoners at Warrensville in all of 1914, 930 were granted paroles. Exactly 3,710 prisoners had been received at Warrensville this year to October 1, but only 713 were paroled. The rate of paroles in 1914 was one to four; so far this year it has been less than one to five. Unless granting paroles is speeded up Cooley will give just about as many leaves of absences this year as last, but the number of prisoners will be 900 higher.

To escape from Warrensville is not the "cinch" it was last year, records also show. Escapes in all of 1914 totaled 533, which up to October 1 this year, even with the daily average of prisoners fifty higher, the total is only 494.

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Cooley Isn't Speaking.

"It's about time the welfare department perked up and granted fewer paroles," declared Councilman Dittrick. "Paroles should be granted to the worthy, but not at the rate of one to four or five."

"There has been no change in policy," Cooley declared. "I have supposed all along we were giving more than last year. The end of the year will show 1915 paroles as high proportionately as those last year."

But city hall Democrats gave assurance that late in the summer Baker passed the word to Cooley to tighten up on his policy. That Cooley's record the last two years is such it does not make good campaign material is shown by the fact that not a word concerning the poor and the prisoners at Warrensville has passed over the boards at a Witt meeting. In all previous campaigns Cooley was designated to set forth the tear side of city hall, but so far this campaign he has not addressed one meeting.

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Witt

ILL THROAT MAKES WITT QUIT STUMP

Pete in Hot Tilt Refuses to Say Whether He Will Reappoint Allen.

Hoarseness forced Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor, to quit talking at Royal theater, Woodland ave. and E. 32d st., after he had made two speeches in other sections of the city last night.

Hot discussion between Witt and J. H. Clark, who criticized the administration of the building department by Commissioner Allen, featured the closing of the tent meeting at W. 25th st. and Meyers ave.

"I would like to ask if you are elected mayor whether you will keep Virgil D. Allen as building commissioner," Clark demanded of Witt as the candidate started to descend from the speakers' platform.

Witt Won't Tell.

"I will not tell you or anyone else who I am going to appoint to office," retorted Witt. "I am not trying to get votes in that manner."

Clark then complained that he had paid $11.50 for a building permit for a hotel at Ontario and Huron rd., and that the permit had been revoked. Later the building was completed by Mark Lamb, he said.

"If the statement you make is true—if you charge any wrongdoing—it is your duty to prefer charges," Witt answered.

"I don't get any redress," said Clark.

"Go to the city hall tomorrow," Witt directed.

No new notes were sounded by Witt at the tent meeting or at an earlier meeting at Eldred hall, Adelbert campus, where he addressed the Good Government Club.

Hecklers gave Mayor Baker a lively half hour at the Royal theater meeting. Questions flung at him ranged all the way from "Why Pete Witt insulted people" to "Why there were so many bosses on street repair jobs."

Baker Hits Bernstein.

Baker told the twelfth ward voters at the hall meeting that Alex Bernstein, the Republican councilman, was on the wrong side of public questions, and that they should support his opponent, Benjamin H. Schwartz.

At the tent meeting Baker lauded Councilman Kalina as "a man who stood by the administration." He said voters should not tie Witt's hands by electing a hostile council who would be "periods to progress."

Witt said he hoped to have his voice in shape for tomorrow night's debate with Harry L. Davis and his Sunday afternoon meeting at the Hippodrome.

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Attacks are made in it upon Harry L. Davis; Sherman Arter, candidate for councilman from the nineteenth ward, and Governor Willis.

In order to get around the law requiring political literature to contain the names of the persons in organizations responsible for it, the fact is stated in small type on the last page that the Democratic Club issued the pamphlet.

Salen

FAVORS NEW SPAN INSTEAD OF TUBE

Salen for Change in Traffic Plan—Promises West Side Michigan Southern Depot.

Three hundred Salen enthusiasts who filled Chamber of Industry hall last night were promised that if Charles P. Salen is elected mayor at the coming election, there will be a new station built at W. 25th st. and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

"I have fostered such a plan for several years," Salen declared. "One of my acts as mayor will be to put it through."

Issuance of bonds years ago was considered extravagant, according to Salen, but during the last administration it has become a pastime.

"The bonded indebtedness during the last ten years has increased 138 per cent," he said. "One-half of this amount has been spent for the payment of interest and toward sinking funds."

Salen also decried the payment of immense sums for subway approaches to the new high level bridge.

"Why not use this money to build another bridge?" he asked.

Architect G. B. Bohm then flashed three stereopticon slides of plans suggesting a plaza at the intersection of W. 25th st. and Detroit ave., which it was said would eliminate the necescity of the subway approaches.

Former State Representative Daniel J. O'Rourke, of Toledo, took the platform in behalf of Salen and denounced the candidacy of Peter Witt.

"Witt was introduced July 4, 1907, as speaker of the day at a celebration in Woolbridge park, Toledo," he said. "Among the first words he uttered were: 'Every man that wears the uniform of an American soldier is no better than a street corner loafer or a common bum.'

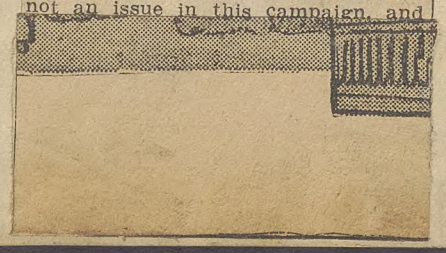
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Ruthenberg

ABOLISH WITT'S OFFICE, DEMAND

C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate for mayor, told a street corner audience last night that the first thing he would do if elected would be to abolish the office of street railway commissioner and use the money for increasing the pay of motormen and conductors.

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A burlesque pamphlet, issued by the Western Reserve Law School Democratic Club, William R. Daley, secretary, is to be distributed in the East End college colony today. It is called "The War Cry," and under the date line on the title page is the statement that the pamphlet is "published by the Republican Club for the instruction of the faculty and students of Western Reserve Law School."

Attacks are made in it upon Harry L. Davis; Sherman Arter, canadaate for councilman from the nineteenth ward, and Governor Willis.

In order to get around the law requiring political literature to contain the names of the persons in organizations responsible for it, the fact is stated in small type on the last page that the Democratic Club issued the pamphlet.

Salen

FAVORS NEW SPAN INSTEAD OF TUBE

Salen for Change in Traffic Plan—Promises West Side Michigan Southern Depot.

Three hundred Salen enthusiasts who filled Chamber of Industry hall last night were promised that if Charles P. Salen is elected mayor at the coming election, there will be a new station built at W. 25th st. and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

"I have fostered such a plan for several years," Salen declared. "One of my acts as mayor will be to put it through."

Issuance of bonds years ago was considered extravagant, according to Salen, but during the last administration it has become a pastime.

"The bonded indebtedness during the last ten years has increased 138 per cent," he said. "One-half of this amount has been spent for the payment of interest and toward sinking funds."

Salen also decried the payment of immense sums for subway approaches to the new high level bridge.

"Why not use this money to build another bridge?" he asked.

Architect G. B. Bohm then flashed three stereopticon slides of plans suggesting a plaza at the intersection of W. 25th st. and Detroit ave., which it was said would eliminate the necescity of the subway approaches.

Former State Representative Daniel J. O'Rourke, of Toledo, took the platform in behalf of Salen and denounced the candidacy of Peter Witt.

"Witt was introduced July 4, 1907, as speaker of the day at a celebration in Woolbridge park, Toledo," he said. "Among the first words he uttered were: 'Every man that wears the uniform of an American soldier is no better than a street corner loafer or a common bum.'

"I was present, and as a member of the G. A. R., I resented the insult to our soldiers and impeached Witt's manhood on the spot; and I'm here tonight to denounce him in his own city."

Ruthenberg

ABOLISH WITT'S OFFICE, DEMAND

C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate for mayor, told a street corner audience last night that the first thing he would do if elected would be to abolish the office of street railway commissioner and use the money for increasing the pay of motormen and conductors.

"Witt says I am a nuisance, and not an issue in this campaign, and so I am to the extent that I have made him swallow his own statement," he continued.

He was referring to Witt's general challenge at the beginning of the campaign to the opposing candidates for a public debate, and his subsequent refusal to meet the Socialist candidate on the issues.

Ruthenberg said Witt has been the greatest stumbling block in the way of better conditions for the workingmen, and that, under his administration, the Cleveland Railway Company is having everything its own way.

The Socialist meeting was held at the corner of W. 25th st. and Walton ave.

Leader Friday Oct. 22

CLUB SITS AS JURY WHILE NORTON AND DAVIS PLEAD CASES

Miner G. Norton and Harry L. Davis occupied the same platform last night in a two-cornered contest for the indorsement of the Northeastern Progressive Republican Club, St. Clair ave. and E. 72d st.

It was a bloodless battle between two mayoralty candidates, for Norton sat silent while Davis presented his oratorical plea. And then, when Norton took his turn to plead for votes Davis listened for a time without offering interruption and then hurried away to another meeting. Both await the club's decision next week.

In answering the three questions upon municipal affairs submitted to him, Davis charged the club with being unfair because it had not invited him personally instead of through his secretary. He also told the 100 present that those who supported him in his campaign two years ago and were not for him now "had lied to the public."

"Do you mean to say that during the past two years there could not have arisen a better man than yourselves to become the candidate of the Republican party?" asked one man as Davis left the hall.

Good Then, Good Now, Says Davis.

"I mean to say that if I was good enough for you two years ago I'm good enough for you now," said Davis.

Both Davis and Norton promised economical and efficient city government if elected.

Norton in his five campaign speeches last night attacked the administration of the traction commissioner's office under Peter Witt, Democratic organization mayoralty candidate, pointed to the waste of funds in awarding city contracts and for the first time declared that he would be the next mayor.

"I've waited until tonight to make a prediction," said Norton. "I wanted to be sure. The reports of my supporters from the East Side of the city have assured my election."

Explains Increased Car Fare.

Norton reiterated his charge that Witt's extravagance in permitting the street railway company to double its issue of stock was to blame for the increase in fare. He declared that Witt's methods were directly opposed to those advocated by Tom L. Johnson.

He also charged that the fare would never get back to three cents during the life of the Tayler grant and asked Witt to prove his statement that it could.

Norton opposed Davis' plan for the issuance of short-time notes instead of $1,500,000 in bonds to meet the city's deficit, declaring no better rate of interest could be secured on notes than on bonds.

Applauded by Workmen.

Norton declared he stood for a fair deal for both employer and employee, with favors for neither side. This announcement brought applause from 100 workingmen assembled in a hall at 2818 W. 25th st.

Other meetings at which Norton spoke were: 3130 Lorain ave., 3193 W. 71st st. and 1104 Addison rd.

Defeat of the Barber subway grant was predicted by Davis when he addressed an audience of more than 300 men at Wilcut's hall, E. 77th st. and Woodland ave. He declared that the Barber company had refused to give a substantial bond as a guarantee that it would build a subway.

"The Barber grant should be voted down because they have given us no assurance that a subway will be constructed," he said. "It will be voted down."

Promises to Cut Expenses.

Davis promised that if he was elected he would curtail expenses of all city departments. He said he would see that Cleveland contractors were given a fair deal on all public improvements.

"The present administration has given outside firms, which import workmen, many of the big public contracts," he said, "even when Cleveland firms were the lowest bidders. The Casey company filtration plant contract, on which the city paid $210,000 more than it should have paid, is a striking example of the present administration's waste of your money."

In addressing a meeting of eighteenth ward followers at E. 74th st. and Central ave., Davis declared he would conduct the office of mayor, if elected, in the interests of the small home owner and rent payer.

Plain Dealer Friday Oct. 22

FRAME-UP, IS DAVIS' CHARGE TO NORTON ON QUESTIONS LIST

Plot Seen by Candidate When Opponent Appears at Meet Prepared to Answer Queries by Club.

Brands as Liars All Who Supported Him Two Years Ago and Are Not for Him Now.

NORTON IS INTRODUCED AS NEXT MAYOR OF CITY

Rivals' Appearance at Meet is Followed by Hot Time in Hall.

Harry L. Davis charged he had been dragged into a "frame-up" and that Miner G. Norton had reinforced himself with advance preparation when each of the two candidates was asked to answer a list of three questions last night before the Northeastern Progressive Republican club at E. 72d-st and St. Clair-av N. E.

Club officials said the questions had been sent of the office of each candidate prior to the meeting.

Mr. Davis asserted men who were for him two years ago and are not with him in this campaign either hid then or are lying now. He clashed with club officials as to the questions, but declared he would answer them. As he was leaving the hall the chairman, Jonathan Evans, introduced Candidate Norton as "the next mayor."

Calls Situation Unfair.

"I received no invitation to speak on these three questions," cried Mr. Davis as he held before him the list which had been submitted by the club. "You can see how unfair this is when I am to be followed by one who has gone into these questions and is prepared to speak on them.

"The men on this platform nd you, gentlemen, endorsed me two years ago as the best man for the office of mayor. You lied then w n you told me I was the best man, or if you didn't lie then, you are lying now if you fail to support me."

"Just a minute, Mr. Davis," challenged one of the audience later, as Mr. Davis was leaving. "Do you mean to say all the people of Cleveland who supported you two years ago and are not supporting you now are liars?"

"If you say one thing today and another thing tomorrow, it is a lie. If I was the best man then for mayor, I am now," declared Mr. Davis.

"Do you mean to say that you are the best man in the city of Cleveland or the United States for the office?" asked the man in the audience. "Isn't there a possibility of a change in mind among the voters?"

"I don't claim to be the best man in the country, but you said I was two years ago," shouted back Davis. "You can't lie to the public and get away with it. You, you," he went on, pointing his finger. "You told me three weeks ago that you were for me, and now you are against me!"

"I want to protest against the charge that Mr. Davis did not receive an invitation to discuss these questions before this club," said Secretary Thomas Donkin. "I, myself, took the list of questions to your office and gave them to your secretary."

"Was I there?" asked Mr. Davis.

Says Secretary Was There.

"No; your secretary was, though," was the reply.

These are the questions:

How would you run the city government so as to meet current expenses without increasing taxation or issuing bonds?

Do you feel that the filtration and chlorinization of city water as adopted by the present administration will afford a sufficiently pure water supply for the people of Cleveland?

If not, what course would you adopt to procure pure water."

Mr. Davis said in the first place he would not vote for a bond issue to cover deficits. He declared the bonds would be issued at 4 to 41-2 per cent., while on short time notes money could be borrowed from the Federal Reserve bank at 3 per cent. He declared he also would go from "top to bottom" to cut out "waste and extravagance" as a means of saving money if he were mayor.

To the second question Mr. Davis replied:

"I was the one who started the move for pure water two years ago. I am for extension of the filtration plants for the protection of the people of the city."

Mr. Davis left before Mr. Norton spoke.

"I don't like to see a man kick on a square deal," was Chairman Evans' comment on Mr. Davis' statements as he presented Mr. Norton.

The only reference Mr. Norton made to Mr. Davis was to term "an absurdity" the Davis suggestion to borrow money on short time notes. He answered the first question by saying:

"If you haven't got the mo y, don't spend it. It's the manner of spending money here that is the trouble. It is not the lack of money."

Mr. Norton referred to the contract for the filtration plant as an example, he said, of waste.

To the last questions Mr. Norton replied he favored filtration, but that now is not the time for it.

"It's time to stop pollution first," he said. "The last plan adopted by the city calls for three sewage disposal plants and sewage will be dumped at the very point where it will be drawn into the intake pipes. Filtration will not kill the germs."

Plain Dealer Friday Oct. 22.

I'LL TELL NOBODY WHOM I'LL FIRE

—PETER WITT.

Candidate Declares He Will Make No Pre-Election Appointment Promises.

Former Gov. Cox, Incognito, Hears Commissioner in Tent.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night laid down a policy of opposition to pre-election intimations of appointment or discharge of city officers when a questioner in the Democratic tent at Meyer-av S. W. and W. 25th-st asked whether he, as mayor, would retain Virgil D. Allen as building inspector. The questioner charged he had wrongfully lost $11.50 on a building permit.

It was at the close of the meeting. The great crowd which had overflowed the tent was leaving. Mr. Witt turned to throw his overcoat on a chair as the question was asked, and with half the crowd sitting and the rest standing he leaned from the platform to shoot his answer at the man who had asked it.

"Davis has promised he'll give that job to a union man," cried the commissioner. "The candidate in the sideshow says he will fire Allen. I will not tell you or anybody else whom I'll hire or fire! I'll be mayor first and then I'll run the job! I'm not trying to make votes that way."

"Good boy, Pete," yelled a man as the crowd roared applause.

Neither Mr. Witt nor anyone else save Mayor Newton D. Baker knew that hidden in the tent meeting crowd listening with every manifestation of interest to Mr. Witt's address was former Gov. James M. Cox, who was a visitor in Cleveland yesterday. Mr. Cox never had heard a campaign speech by the man who from the stump since the mayoralty race opened has pronounced him the best governor Ohio ever had.

Mr. Witt made three meetings last night. He started at Eldred hall, on the campus of Adelbert college, Western Reserve university, where he spoke briefly to the Voters' Good Government club on independence in politics. Next he went to the tent, and his third engagement was at the Royal theater, Woodland-av S. E. and E. 37th-st.

At the Woodland-av meeting he found a crowded house awaiting him, but as he stepped to the front of the stage his voice failed him. Scarcely able to make himself heard for the hoarseness, he spoke little more than a greeting and excused himself.

It was the first difficulty he has had since the attack that knocked him out of two days of campaigning last week. Mr. Witt will see his physician again this morning. His supporters are anxious for him to be in good voice for the debate tomorrow night with Harry L. Davis, and particularly for his lecture in the Hippodrome Sunday afternoon. Should his throat continue to bother him today, the debate with Mr. Davis may be postponed until next week.

Mayor Newton D. Baker spoke in the tent with Mr. Witt. The mayor also was a speaker at the Royal theater, where he was bombarded with questions. Some one asked "why Mr. Witt insults people and calls a man a fool?"

"Why, I don't know," said the mayor. "Suppose he knows the man is a fool?" The crowd laughed.

Mr. Witt told the assemblage in the tent "these outpourings every night mean something, and I'm as sure as both of us are here that Pete Witt will be mayor the next two years."

"There are three on the other side," he said. "They may figure it takes three to lick one good man. There are Davis, Norton and the Willis Republican who's performing in the sideshow. He's a Davis aid. That's why he was put in. He owes it to me, though, because I've taken some pretty good wallops at him the past few years. He owes it to himself to lick me if he can. But he can't. The people of Cleveland will see to that."

Mr. Witt discussed his record as street railway commissioner, saying "It's not nice to toot your own horn, but when the other fellow throws the horn at you, why, blow it." He said he was willing for people to judge him "for what he's been and for what he's done." He proposed a car line into Brookside park if the natural difficulties could be overcome.

The questioner about the building inspector, when asked by Mr. Witt, said his name was J. H. Clark, and charged he had paid $11.50 for a building permit for a building on Ontario-st and that his $11.50 had gone to another architect. Mr. Witt told him his place was at the city hall to prefer charges. The man said he'd been to the hall and could get no redress. Jacob Klein of the building department here mounted the steps of the platform to call to the man "you wanted that place for a flop house," and as Mr. Witt left the tent and the crowd poured out the questioner still was calling out regarding his charge.

Mayor Baker at the tent meeting discussed the department of public safety.

Salen Opposes Subway Approaches to Bridge

Charles P. Salen, at a meeting at the Chamber of Industry last night, declared himself definitely opposed to the proposed subway approaches to the new high level bridge.

He proposed as a substitute a plan worked out by G. A. Bohm, architect, to take care of the west approach to the new bridge by widening the roadway on each side of the street car well to thirty-six feet instead of twenty feet as provided by the plans of the approaches as originally drawn, and laying out a wide circle at the junction of W. 25th-st and Detroit-av N. W.

Slides showing plans of the substitute for the subway were thrown upon a screen and explained by Mr. Bohm, who declared this treatment of the west bridge approach could be worked out at a cost of about $200,000.

"The plans for the subway approaches, if there are any plans, call for an expenditure of $4,000,000 to $5,000,000," cried Mr. Salen. "If we are to spend that much money to give us relief from the traffic congestion, for heaven's sake let us build another bridge instead of spending it for approaches to this one."

According to the intimation of two speakers at the meeting, women are not wanted at the Salen meetings because their presence prevents the speakers from indulging in language they would like to use toward Peter Witt.

Here is what Virgil G. Marani, building commissioner under former Mayor Herman Baehr, had to say:

"Peter Witt sent these ladies here to limit our expressions in characterizing this vile and dangerous man."

He stated that Mr. Witt is an "unsophisticated nincompoop," which, he said, means that he is of unbalanced poise and unfit for public office.

He attacked the Plain Dealer and the Press, declaring that they had been among the strongest in support of adoption of the city charter which provides for nonpartisan elections and are engaged in "playing the strongest and rottenest kind of partisan politics."

Daniel J. O'Rourke of Toledo, who, Mr. Salen said, had come to Cleveland to denounce Mr. Witt when he learned he was a candidate for mayor, was the last speaker. He called Mr. Witt a "recreant American" charging that the candidate, at a Fourth of July speech in Toledo in 1907, had referred to old soldiers as "street corner loafers and bums."

Following the meeting at the Chamber of Industry, Mr. Salen made a short address to twelfth ward voters in the Perry theater, E. 22d-st and Woodland-av S. E. Several candidates for municipal judge preceded him as speakers.

News Friday Oct. 22

EXCELL STUMPS FOR WITT; BAKER KNOCKS BARRED

Matt B. Excell, safety board member under Tom L. Johnson and bitter enemy of the Baker administration, is going to be allowed to take the stump for Tractioner Witt under pledge that he will confine himself to lauding Witt and cast no reflection upon the Baker administration. Excell will make this first Witt speech Friday night at Pipi hall, 2029 Woodhill rd.

Excell is looked upon in Democratic circles as the original Witt man. It is recalled that two years ago, after the returns of the Baker-Davis election showed the election of Baker by a small majority on second choice votes, Excell turned to Baker and declared:

"You've run your race, Mr. Baker, now you're through. Pete Witt will be Cleveland's next mayor."

Excell has been anxious to make his appearance in the Witt campaign ever since the opening gun was fired, but has been held off.

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Frank G. Carpenter, antiadministration mayoralty candidate in East Cleveland, hurled bad faith charges at Mayor William E. Minshall at a meeting Thursday night because the city's charter commission has failed to submit a charter proposal to the people.

Minshall, in a meeting at Superior and Rozelle aves., held Carpenter up as "the Cleveland railway's candidate."

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The Chamber of Commerce Friday failed to approve the proposed $1,500,000 bond issue to pay the city's deficit.

Chamber directors also disapproved the proposed city purchase of the Cleveland Railway Company and failed to approve the referendum on the McDermott liquor license decentralizer law, the Sprague congressional redistricting proposal and the proposal to extend the terms of county officers.

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Five of the six mayoralty candidates are expected to address the Young Men's Business Club, 2738 Prospect ave., Friday night. Peter Witt, Charles P. Salen, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and C. E. Ruthenberg have been invited to make fifteen-minute addresses.

Club directors have approved the Barber subway, the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad and union station ordinances and several of the bond issues, but disapproved the $1,500,000 bond issue to care for the deficit incurred by the Baker administration.

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The report of the Civic League on municipal court candidates, issued Friday, recommends the same candidates for office as favored by the bar association, with the exception that two additional candidates for the four-year-term as judge are recommended.

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Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, is going to make his bow as a real, live politician Monday night in Jimmy Dunn's gymnasium, 2900 W. 14th st., when he will act as chairman of a meeting at which Tractioner Witt will speak.

A week ago Kilbane was reported to have taken the stump for Charles P. Salen.

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A new bridge rather than subway approaches to the high level bridge now nearing completion was advocated Thursday night by Charles P. Salen at a meeting at W. 25th st. and the Lake Shore tracks. "If it will cost four or five millions to build the subways, the money could be much better spent on a new bridge," said Salen. "This would relieve traffic conditions between the East and West Sides better than tubes."

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Miner G. Norton supporters Friday looked upon the charge of unfairness made by Davis against Norton and the Northeastern Progressive Club, E. 72d st. and St. Clair ave., where both spoke Thursday night, as "the crisis of the Davis campaign." They declare that in making the charge that the club had given Norton in advance questions it wanted answered and not given Davis the same opportunity. Davis made a "mistake that will turn the tide against him." Club officers said that both Norton and Davis had received the questions at the same time and both had ample opportunity to prepare their answers. The club indorsed neither candidate, although both expected it.

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If J. H. Clark, 638 Bolivar rd., wants the $11.50 he claims the city has withheld on an unused building permit he'll have to see his architect about it. This was the answer Friday of Building Commissioner Allen and Accounts Commissioner Murphy to Clark's charge, made before Tractioner Witt Thursday night in a tent at W. 25th st. and Meyer ave.

Clark, after asking Witt whether, if elected, he would retain Allen, openly accused Allen of holding back the $11.50 he paid for a permit for rebuilding an Ontario st. structure into a lodging-house. Afterward Mark Lamb, lodging-house proprietor, took the building off his hands and obtained a permit for practically the same work, he charged.

Both Allen and Murphy claimed Friday that Clark's architect took out the permit in his own name. They said that when he presented his receipt they handed him the $11.50.

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C. E. Ruthenberg Thursday night told street corner audiences he favors abolition of the office of street railway commissioner as a useless extravagance.

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Tractioner Witt, whose voice went back on him Thursday night while addressing a meeting at Royal theater, E. 32d st. and Woodland ave., Friday was under the care of a physician. Witt said he expected to be able to fill his speaking engagements Friday night and would take great care of his voice so nothing should interfere with his debate with Harry L. Davis in a tent at E. 55th st. and Cedar ave. Saturday night.

Friday Press October 24

A Word A Co.

"LET my record as tractioner be the ure of my fitness for mayor."

That's what Pete Witt is telling his ences.

When Witt became tractioner, he the cars so crowded that even in winte doors couldn't be closed because of pass jammed to the edge of the steps.

He found the railway company's pov weak that car riders couldn't read their papers by the light in them. There wer quent tieups due to inadequate equipme

In short, Witt took an inferior railway system and in less than four made it into the best in the country.

Here are some of the things Witt has

Added 683 new cars.
Built the E. 79th-st crosstown line.
Extended the W. 65th-st line down to water park.
Speeded up schedules.
Inaugurated alternate stop scheme.
Revamped schedules so as to give better ice when it was needed in the rush hours.

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...Back Models

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...coats, with hat to match, $3.9...

PETE WON'T BUY VOTE WITH JOBS

Will Not Tell Whom He'll Hire or Fire.

Pete Witt isn't seeking votes by telling whom he'll hire or fire if elected mayor, he told his Thursday night tent audience at W. 25th-st and Meyer-av.

Pete said this when asked if he would retain Virgil Allen as building inspector. A man who said his name was J. H. Clark put the question.

"I'll tell no man whom I will hire or fire, if elected," Witt said. "I'm not seeking votes by that method."

Clark said the city building inspection department turned over $11.50 he had paid it for a building permit to an architect and he didn't get his permit.

Talks to Three Meetings.

Witt addressed three huge meetings Thursday night, one at his tent, another at Eldred hall on Reserve campus, and the third at Royal hall, Woodland-av near E. 55th-st. He was hoarse and plainly showed the effects of strenuous campaigning.

At Royal hall Witt's voice gave way and he had to quit in a few minutes.

Witt Friday had a physician treat his throat. He may try to use it for short speeches Friday night.

"Iamasport" Salen isn't referred to by that name any more in Witt's speeches. He's styled by Witt "the preacher in the little sideshow" of the campaign.

"I have made a success as tractioner because I am not bound down by custom and I just buckle down and work," said Pete.

"I'm going to have car lines running thru Edgewater park from Bulkley-blvd to Lake-av when I'm mayor. I'm also going to send the cars into Brookside park if engineers tell me the steep grades there can be overcome."

Engineers say cars can be run into Brookside park, despite the grade.

Ex-Gov. Jimmie Cox was one of Witt's listeners Thursday night.

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WOULD ABANDON CAR COMMISSIONERSHIP

C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist mayoralty candidate, Thursday night said that under Tractioner Witt's management the Concon was having everything its own way.

"If elected mayor the first thing I'll do will be to abolish the office of tractioner," said Ruthenberg.

SAFER SAYS DRUNKS SHOULD GET TAXI RIDE

The man who gets drunk and is arrested should be taken home in a taxi, says a Chicago judge, with whom Safer Benesch agrees.

This applies, of course, to the first offender and not to the habitual drunk.

"It would be cheaper," said Benesch, "in the cost of the machinery of the law if the case goes to court."

DAVIS' FLING OF "LIARS" WILL COST HIM VOTES

—SAYS NORTON.

Republican Club Members are Criticised by Davis for Stand.

Harry Speaks Nice Piece on Smiling

Said Harry Davis at one of his mayoralty campaign meetings Thursday night:

"The democrats say I'm a 'hand-shaker.' I enjoy the clasp of a friendly hand and I believe in being kindly and pleasant to everyone. You know the old verse:

" 'Smile a smile, and while you smile another smiles,
And soon there's miles and miles of smiles,
And life's worth while, if you but smile.' "

Miner G. Norton Friday said statements made by Harry L. Davis Thursday night would cost Davis thousands of votes.

The statements Norton referred to were made at the northeastern progressive republican club, St. Clair-av and E. 72d-st, where Davis stated:

"If you men are not for me now, you lied two years ago, when you took your stand for me."

Norton's followers Friday were tickled over Davis' words.

"Davis' remarks will cost him thousands of votes," said Norton. "He's gone all to pieces."

Davis supporters Friday claimed the meeting was "planted" for Norton.

"It was not," retorted Norton. "The club asked Davis and myself three written questions about municipal issues. I never looked at mine until I got on the platform."

Davis and Norton met at the club's meeting when they came to tell how they would run the city with its income and how they stood on filtration and chlorinated water.

When Davis entered the hall he found six poster pictures of Norton staring him in the face. Not a Davis sign was in sight.

Davis was introduced as "Harry L. Davis," Norton as "our next mayor."

In presenting Davis, President Evans warned him to confine himself to the club's questions.

"I'm going to discuss anything I please," Davis retorted. Turning to the crowd, he added: "And I want to show you men the unfairness of this meeting."

He read Secretary Thomas Donkin's letter, asking him "to discuss" the questions.

"This letter does not even ask me to come to this meeting. But you see I'm here to answer you.

"You can't go back on the stand you took two years ago if you're men! You all said then, and Miner did, too, that I was the best man.

"And if you're not for me now, you lied then!" Davis fairly yelled.

Davis Gets Peeved.

A man in the crowd rose as Davis started out and asked him to explain what he meant by saying men who are against him now lied two years ago.

"Do you mean you're the best man in Cleveland?" asked the questioner.

"I mean you can't say one thing today and change tomorrow!" Davis replied. "And as for you," he shouted, pointing his finger at the questioner, "you told me three weeks ago you were for me. Now you're against me."

Not Free With Kisses.

"I'm off Davis for life," said Donkin after the meeting.

Davis told other meetings Thursday night: "I come from the rolling mills. The democrats charge me with kissing 20,000 babies. I wouldn't be so cruel to the babies.

"If I'm elected I want you to holler 'Hello Harry' when you meet me and I'll like it just as well as I do now. Why, even the newsboys call me 'Harry.'

"The democrats say I'm a 'hand-shaker,' too. I enjoy the clasp of a friendly hand and I believe in being kindly and pleasant to everyone.

"I'm directly opposite to Pete Witt in 'most everything, and I want the voters to distinctly understand it."

Recalls Blaine Campaign.

At the second ward republican club's wigwam, 3193 W. 71st-st, Norton was introduced by John Braschwitz, president of the league of republican clubs.

"I remember back in the Blaine-Logan presidential campaign," Braschwitz said, "Pete Witt was a drummer boy for one of the ward organizations in a big republican parade. He was a pretty poor drummer, but he took more money from another ward and went over to drum for its marchers. That was the first time Pete sold out, and he's been doing the same thing ever since."

At this meeting Norton made his first campaign prediction.

"Sentiment is changing all over the city," Norton said, "especially on the East-side. If the West-side does half as well for me this year as it did two years ago for the republican candidate I'll be the next mayor. I am confident of election."

Norton declined an offered bottle of beer at a meeting of the fifth ward republican club in a hall at W. 25th-st and Wade-av.

Saturday Leader October 23

Davis

CLEAN OUT CITY HALL, IS SLOGAN

"Clean out the city hall," is the watchword of this campaign, Harry L. Davis told an audience of voters at the Doan Republican Club, E. 105th st. and St. Clair ave., last night.

"Wherever I go the feeling seems to be, 'clean out the city hall,' " he said. The issue now is, 'shall the next mayor of Cleveland live within his means.' The voters of Cleveland should wake up and demand a dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent. I purpose, as your mayor beginning January 1, to pay off the city indebtedness gradually, carrying it along by short-time notes. These short-time notes are better than the bonds that the administration wants you to issue because they will keep the city officials with their noses to the grindstone."

In introducing Davis the chairman of the meeting referred to him as "the man of the hour." John A. Alburn who preceeded Davis, speaking in his behalf, declared that a new job should be created for Peter Witt and that he should be named municipal censor, to tell people where they are wrong and where they may be right, after the fashion of the censors of the time of Caesar in Rome.

Norton

WITT HAS CHANGED SO, SAYS NORTON

Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, addressing a meeting of the Norton Third Ward Club, at McNess hall, 6701 Madison ave., last night, said that before Peter Witt became a candidate for mayor he was demanding that the people should rule, but that Witt now thinks that all power should be lodged with the mayor.

Norton declared at the same meeting that citizens of the West Side are not receiving their just share in the way of street improvements. He promised better conditions in the event of his election as mayor.

At a meeting of the Lincoln Heights Club, at Tabel's hall, 2670 W. 14th st., Norton claimed the credit for having made the fight before the legislature, and later before the supreme court of the United States, to establish Cleveland's title to the lands on the lake front now proposed to be used for the new union depot. Up to that time, he said the state had claimed title to that portion of the land which many years previous had been laid out for streets by the city but not improved.

He said that all of the so-called big improvements for which the present city administration claims credit were conceived and started when he was city solicitor.

In an address to the Young Men's Colored Republican Club at Ideal hall, 2400 Central ave., last night, Norton promised that if elected mayor there would be no discrimination on account of race or color.

Plans for a mass meeting, to be held in Stocke's hall, 6021 St. Clair ave. Tuesday evening, were completed at a meeting of the Twenty-third Ward Miner G. Norton Club in the Society for Savings building, last night. Harry G. Lingdenfelder was the speaker.

Salen

SALEN IN GLOOM, MISSES CHILDREN

Charles P. Salen expressed deep disappointment last night at having missed a crowd of 200 children who waited to hear him talk at Hermann ave. and W. 67th st. Salen did not arrive until after 10 o'clock and the children had gone then. He devoted most of his speech to a discussion of the children.

"I would rather have talked to the children than any other audience," he said. "They are our future citizens and I want to have a hand in forming their opinions." Salen recalled the fact that he had instituted Children's day last summer when he entertained thousands of children at Luna park.

"I was the first to advocate public playgrounds and the abolition of the 'Keep Off the Grass' signs in parks," Salen said.

Clarence L. Jones, candidate for municipal judge, and William Whitehead spoke before Salen arrived.

Witt

ALAS FOR GORDON! HE DID WELL, BUT—

Congressman William Gordon paced up and down the speaker's platform at the Democratic tent meeting at Denison ave. and W. 25th st., last night.

Occasionally he looked at his watch and mopped his brow. Then he would continue a discussion of national, state and municipal issues. Gordon had not observed the arrival of Mayor Baker a half hour earlier. He figured it was up to him to keep talking until Baker arrived.

"I crept in along the back of the tent and over the side of the platform," Baker explained when the astonished congressman discovered him. Gordon admitted that he was on the point of hoisting a signal of distress.

Gordon, Baker and Congressman Crosser were the speakers at the main Democratic meeting last night. Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor, was confined to his home with an attack of laryngitis.

Crosser said Candidate Davis was an agreeable sort of man whom it was a pleasure to meet, that Norton also had a pleasing personality and that Salen was making a bid for votes of the liberal element. Witt is the only candidate having a constructive program, Crosser insisted. The chief reason that he is for Witt, though, is because Witt is a single taxer, he claimed.

Gordon said he was for Witt because he was the best exponent of Tom L. Johnson's municipal ownership doctrines. He urged voters to vote but one choice. He recalled Davis' declaration that persons who voted for him two years ago and who were now against him were "liars."

"I am anxious to see how Harry's strong arm method of obtaining votes will succeed," he said.

Baker said that questions interjected into the campaign as to whether a man was a sport or whether he was polite were "mere dribblings." The mayor said Witt had made good in the office of street railway commissioner.

J. H. Clark, who heckled Witt Thursday night, again made charges against the administration of the building department at last night's meeting. He obtained Baker's consent to talk from the platform but was removed by police when they considered that his remarks were too personal.

BOARD ADMITS NORTON PLANT CHARGES TRUE

Filter Damage, Denied by City Officials, Is Found by Engineers; Another Delay Necessary.

City board of control members yesterday admitted that charges made by Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, were true when the board let a contract for test borings to locate cause of the settling of the Division filtration plant.

It also developed that Cleveland will not get filtered water December 15, the latest date set for the opening of the new plant. Director of Public Utilities Stage only plans to have a 25,000,000-gallon pump in operation at that time. The capacity of the plant is 150,000,000 gallons.

Filtered water will be pumped into the same mains as raw water and distributed throughout the city. It may be months later until all the water can be filtered.

Norton charged that the settling of the plant had cracked filter basins from end to end. This was denied by city officials but later admitted by engineers.

Under the contract made yesterday the firm of Gilbert & Hartshorne will make borings to determine soil formation, according to Maurice Sarbinsky, secretary of the department of public utilities. Sheet piling will be driven if the cause of the sliding is located, he said.

Excavations must be made for mains connecting the filter plant proper and the pumping station. Engineers fear that this will cause the plant to settle still further, unless piling is driven.

"Excavations for mains will be made in small sections," said Sarbinsky. "This will minimize the danger from sliding."

He said that cracks already made by settling could be easily repaired with concrete.

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4 CANDIDATES IN WARM TILT AT CLUB MEET

Witt Scored as Choice of "Vicious Political Machine."

NORTON FLAYS DEBTS

Davis Declares Vote Not for Him or Pete Is Wasted.

The attitude of five mayoralty candidates upon the various campaign issues was presented to six hundred members of the Young Men's Business Club at a meeting in their clubhouse, 2738 Prospect ave., last night. Peter Witt was the only candidate that failed to appear in person, Director of Finance Coughlin taking his place. Coughlin said Witt was too ill to speak.

The joint discussion was a "warming-up" of the candidates for today's two oral measurings of political swords—the first at noon, when Davis, Witt, Norton, Salen and Ruthenberg will speak before the City Club in the Hollenden hotel; the second, in the evening at the Grays' armory, when Witt and Davis will get together for their first formal encounter in debate.

Norton Hits Administration.

With the exception of Miner G. Norton, each candidate last night availed himself of the opportunity to find fault with the platform of his opponents. Norton, who was the first speaker, confined himself to issues and an attack upon the present administration.

C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate, attacked Witt's administration of the traction commissioner's office as "extravagant and unsuccessful." He declared Witt's high praise of himself amounted to naught, when it was taken into consideration that his office cost the car riders $50,000 a year.

Harry L. Davis reiterated his declaration that he was the choice of the Republican party, proclaimed himself the "leading candidate" and declared that a vote cast for any candidate, other than himself or Witt, was wasted "because the race is between Witt and me."

Coughlin Defends Witt.

Coughlin announced it was at the request of Witt that he refrained from recounting the "wonderful public service and magnificent achievements" of the Democratic organization candidate. He launched into a defense of the Baker administration and an attack upon Norton's statements regarding the city's embarrassed financial condition. He blamed the lack of income and not the manner of expenditure for the city's deficit.

Salen attacked Witt as the candidate of a "vicious political machine" that dictated appointments for every public office in the county, not excepting the federal positions. He declared United States District Attorney Wertz had told him he had been unable to appoint his own choice as his first assistant because the local Democratic organization opposed it.

Charges Charter "Joker."

Norton reiterated his charge of unbusinesslike methods in the letting of the filtration plant contract and declared the present administration had slipped a "joker" into the new city charter by providing for the transfer of funds from one department to another.

He declared the administration had attempted to rush work on the filtration plant, and even tried to connect it with the East Side water tunnel so as to have it completed for campaign purposes.

"This city today has the worst credit of any city in the country," said Norton. "It can't hock its bonds at any price. Not many years ago its credit was the best of all cities. This condition has been brought about by unbusinesslike management of city affairs. Bond money is lying in the bank drawing only 3 per cent interest. The city is paying the holders of these same bonds 5 per cent interest, thus losing 2 per cent. Is that good management?

"Penalty Not Levied."

"The administration paid a bonus to the Casey Construction Company, of Pittsburg, of $65,000 for completing work ahead of time. But they didn't collect $9,000 penalty from another contractor who had failed to complete his work on time. There is enough revenue but not enough economy."

"The traction commissioner has told you what a great and benificent official he has been," said Ruthenberg. "Did he tell you that his administration has cost you $50,000 a year. He has told you how hard he has worked and the tremendous labor of it all. He draws $7,500 a year for his services.

"Despite his tremendous amount of labor, the company still has a president who costs the car riders $25,000 a year for his salary. Now why do we pay Mr. Stanley his big salary if Witt is doing all the work?"

Sees $500,000 Saving.

Ruthenberg charged that despite the clause in the Tayler grant limiting the annual expenditure of the company, it has spent, with Witt's consent, $1,000,000 more than was allowed under the ordinance. He urged the adoption of the municipal ownership referendum, declaring $500,000 could be saved in operating expenses each year.

"I'm not going to tell you of the wonderful achievements of Pete Witt," said Coughlin, "because he asked me not to talk about him. I am going to refute the attacks on the administration. Norton impressed me with how little he knows about city affairs. The Smith law and decreased liquor license revenues are to blame for our embarrassed financial condition."

He asked why the Chamber of Commerce had opposed the deficiency bond issue when it had a deficit of its own in operating expenses.

What Right Has It.

"What right has it to criticize this bond issue?" demanded Coughlin.

Davis said the chamber's stand on this matter had vindicated his opposition to it. He invited all to the debate between "the two leading candidates" at Grays' armory tomorrow night.

Salen declared his nonpartisan organization was offering the voters the only substantial program of city government. He declared the popular pastime of the city officials now seemed to be adding to the bond issue.

WITT MEETS DAVIS IN DEBATE TONIGHT

Will Argue Political Issues With Republican in the Grays Armory.

This Verbal Clash is Expected to be Climax of Campaign.

What is considered the biggest event of Cleveland's municipal campaign comes off tonight.

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Democratic headquarters announced yesterday afternoon the scene of the word-battle had been changed from the tent at E. 55th-st and Cedar-av S. E. to the Grays armory on Boliver-rd S. E., this being a more central location. Republicans said the change was made at the request of Chairman R. J. Bulkley of the Democratic committee.

The debate will be started at 8:30.

Judge Fielder Sanders of the Davis campaign committee will be chairman. Timekeepers will be James J. McGinty for Peter Witt, aand probably Attorney W. S. Fitz-Gerald for Mr. Davis.

Mr. Witt opens with thirty minutes. Mr. Davis then gets thirty minutes, each being given fifteen minutes for closing.

Issues of the campaign will be discussed.

Hundreds of Cleveland voters look upon Mr. Witt and Mr. Davis as the leading candidates in the race for mayor and that is why the oral clash is considered the big affair of the campaign. It may mean a turning point in the campaign and tend to focus more attention on Mr. Davis and Mr. Witt.

As far as possible heckling will be avoided as supporters of the candidates want it to be a clean argument on the issues.

Both speakers will have hundreds of their friends at the debate. Mr. Witt, whose voice has been seriously affected because of his hard campaign work, refrained from attending campaign meetings last night in order that he might be in good condition for tonight's arguments. Mr. Davis has promised to be at the debate if he has to be carried there.

The Witt-Davis debate comes as a result of the challenge issued by Mr. Witt earlier in the campaign, inviting other candidates to debate issues. Mr. Davis accepted the challenge last Saturday night. Both have equipped themselves with much argument.

Norton Favors Subways; Would Pay City Debts

Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, introduced into his campaign speeches last night the acquisition of city lake front lands, the battle in which the valley canal lands were saved for the city's use and took a stand for conduit systems for city work.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Colored Republican club at 2400 Central-av S. E., some excitement was caused when Mr. Norton referred to treatment of negroes for shooting crap for 10 or 15 cents while, he said, Tim Raleigh is posting openly some of the biggest bets made in Cleveland.

One in the audience demanded the floor and described what he said were the wrongs of his race.

"They forget that I won the hardest fight for acquisition of land ever put on in the legislature," said Mr. Norton to the Lincoln Heights Republican club, 2670 W. 14th-st. "That was the canal lands, then worth $3,000,000, and victory came in the face of a supreme court decision against Cincinnati on the same case when the state claimed title in the canal grants."

The lake front land, including that which the city expects to sell for the union depot, was acquired while he was city solicitor, Mr. Norton said, at a cost of $16,000 for a bridge and a small amount for piling.

"We did things then on a big scale, but we did them without incurring debt. They call that old fashioned now. Lord, take us back to old fashioned times if paying debt is old fashioned," said Mr. Norton.

"Recently I went to New York and examined their underground systems there, the great subways and the great conduit systems. Most of the city's work should be carried on underground. We started it twenty years ago and companies now are occupying space in a conduit we built under the river," he said at Third Ward Norton club, 6701 Madison-av N. W.

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Capable of Handling Job, is Declaration of Present Executive at Rally.

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"I say to you that the office of a mayor of the city like Cleveland is a man's job, and Peter Witt has shown by the manner in which he has handled the office of street railway commissioner that he is capable of handling that job," said the mayor.

Congressmen Robert Crosser and William J. Gordon also spoke at last night's meeting. It was announced that Mr. Witt could not attend because of an attack of laryngitis. Some excitement was created by the persistent questioning of J. H. Clark, who demanded the right to explain how Mayor Baker and other members of the board of appeals had refused to permit him to remodel a building at Huron-rd S. E. and Ontario-st into a lodging house some years ago. Mr. Clark advanced to the front of the tent and insisted on being allowed to explain his side of the case from the platform after the mayor had answered him. The mayor allowed him to talk for a stated period.

Mayor Baker reviewed the activities of his administration.

"Harry Davis is a handsome fellow," said Congressman Gordon. "He always looks nice and always shakes your hand when he meets you, especially before election. Harry Davis wouldn't hurt anyone's feelings for the world. Sometimes it is necessary to hurt the feelings of stockholders of corporations. You want a man who can deal with corporations.

"Miner Norton is afraid the fare is going up. Peter Witt has repeatedly pointed out that the surplus is increasing, but Miner can't see it that way. He is full of gloomy forebodings."

Congressman Gordon criticized the preferential voting system and advised his hearers to vote for one candidate.

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Says Issue Is City to Live Within Its Means

Harry L. Davis, hoarse from campaign speaking at the rate of seven meetings a day, and husbanding his voice for the debate tonight at the Grays armory, last night, in a brief speech, told voters of the twenty-fourth ward that the big issue of this campaign is "shall the next administration live within its means?"

The meeting was held in the quarters of the Doan Republican club, 10413 St. Clair-av N. E.

"Shall the next mayor conduct the city's affairs on a basis that gives the city a dollar's worth of value for every dollar spent, shall the city live within its means as you and I have to do, or shall the public money continue to be wasted and squandered?" he cried.

His answer was, "No, the next mayor must conduct the affairs of the city like the affairs of a private [illegible] concern, he must practice

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"That is the Republican party and I am the Republican candidate. On Nov. 2 Mr. Witt or myself will be made mayor of Cleveland and a vote for any other candidate will be wasted."

He spoke against the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue and said the young business men should insist that public officials should run the affairs of the city as private business should be run.

In speaking for Mr. Witt, Mr. Coughlin said:

"I shall not attempt to tell you of Mr. Witt's superiority over the other candidates. He asked me to talk to you about the deficit. May I suggest that, in listening to Mr. Norton talk, I was impressed with what little Mr. Norton knows about finances.

"We have never had any trouble in disposing of municipal bonds except at a time when every municipality in the country was facing a money panic and had the same trouble. They talk of what we owe and not of what we own.

"The total assets of the city of Cleveland reach $115,000,000 and our net indebtedness is not over $35,000,000. The water works funds have not been robbed. True, some of the money was used to equip the Denison-av light plant. That money has been paid back. The municipal lighting plant is a success, is turning in a surplus and is selling electricity at 3 cents a kilowat hour."

Discussing the action of the Chamber of Commerce opposing the $1,500,000 bond issue, Mr. Coughlin, reading from an annual report of the chamber, said that organization has a deficit which increases annually.

"Under the administration of H. H. Johnson the chamber had a deficit of $7,500. and under the administration of such an able business man as W. S. Hayden, its deficit was $11,000. The chamber charges this up to being responsive to the demands of the community.

"That is the same situation in which the city finds itself. Had I been mayor I would have done what has been done. It was either have a deficiency in operation or curtail the police or fire departments, cut down the street lighting, or attack the park system.

"Cleveland cannot do this. The financial situation of Cleveland is not due to expensive cost of government. It is because the city has been responsive to the demands of the community."

C. E. Ruthenberg spoke against both the Democratic and Republican parties. He said regulation of the street car lines here has failed and urged that his hearers vote for the ordinance providing for the municipal ownership of the car lines. He says the city will save between $400,000 and $500,000 by buying it now instead of twenty-five years from now.

"The Socialist party does not come to you with boxing as an issue. It does not tell you of the efficiency of its candidates in skinning. It presents a program to make this a better city for those who work."

Says Issue Is City to Live Within Its Means

Harry L. Davis, hoarse from campaign speaking at the rate of seven meetings a day, and husbanding his voice for the debate tonight at the Grays armory, last night, in a brief speech, told voters of the twenty-fourth ward that the big issue of this campaign is "shall the next administration live within its means?"

The meeting was held in the quarters of the Doan Republican club, 10413 St. Clair-av N. E.

"Shall the next mayor conduct the city's affairs on a basis that gives the city a dollar's worth of value for every dollar spent, shall the city live within its means as you and I have to do, or shall the public money continue to be wasted and squandered?" he cried.

His answer was, "No, the next mayor must conduct the affairs of the city like the affairs of a private business concern, he must practice economy in city affairs."

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AN ORATORICAL DRAW

Hecklers So Busy Neither Takes Last 15 Minutes to Complete Argument.

Loyalty and bitterness stirred more than 3,000 people, deep-lunged, excited and fevered, jamming Grays' Armory last night, as they listened to Peter Witt and Harry Davis exchange oratorical brickbats on the campaign.

They came with the spirit of Halloween, with blaring horns and clattering rattles and a whim of deviltry, intent upon plaguing either man whose fight for the mayoralty displeased them; they came with the tensely drawn nerves of the campaign sightseer, set off at the slightest sparks into paroxysms of laughter, storms of hisses and fanfares of applause.

Oratorically, the debate was a draw. From the viewpoint of the partisan it was a victory for either side. Spectacularly it brought sincere laudation and approbation and, alternately, ribald laughter and derision for each.

Picturesque Demonstration.

It was the most picturesque political demonstration Cleveland has seen in the course of the campaign.

At least 3,000 people were crowded into the hall at 8 o'clock, when Police Captain Martinec ordered that no more be permitted to enter.

As his order became known another crowd of 2,000 almost precipitated a riot outside in their clamorous demand for admission.

At the start the crowd was fairly well ordered but as the candidates warmed up to the business of the evening and the debate became more bitter, Davis and Witt began hurling questions and charges at each other, and the huge assembly became almost uncontrollable. Hecklers interrupted the speakers constantly, while those on the fringe of the throng, unable to hear, cheered and shouted with scant regard for what was going forward on the platform.

I'm a Visionary.—Witt.

His voice hoarse, his face strained and flushed, his eyes ranging aloft, Witt had launched for a conclusion of his final speech into a beautiful word-picture—a peroration of declamation.

Yes, he was a visionary! He shouted it defiantly. For a moment before Davis had arraigned him as a conjurer of pretty thoughts that brought no consummation of deeds.

Yes, Witt's voice cried hoarsely, and he wanted to tell the people of Cleveland that every one of his forty-six years had been a year of dreaming and of seeing visions! Then he showered a verbal bouquet that pictured the city of the past and the city he saw in the future—"not of a million, but of many millions——"

Into the tense stillness of the great hall, quivering silently under the voice and thrilling at the Utopian vista the voice was painting, came a deep, drawling, jangling voice.

"A-a-men!"

Instantly the crowd was in a tumult, doubling itself with laughter. Even Witt smiled as he halted. The lightning shift from the sublime to the ridiculous utterly destroyed what otherwise would have been a masterpiece of oratory.

But Davis was not spared. The jarring voice of the heckler thrust itself at him, too. Fiery ones in the crowd mocked him, but he went on, and they remained to applaud him.

Asks for Hearing.

Davis' greatest opposition came early in his first half-hour's talk, when the riotous din of interruption—so scattered that the police could not single it out and quell it—became so great that he paused and said scathingly:

"I'm glad my friends gave Mr. Witt the respectful hearing he was entitled to!"

His words were most effectual, for indeed the crowd had given Witt an ear that was not marred by the mouth. In approval of Davis the horns seemed to toot the loudest, for it appeared that the Davis supporters had come strong both in numbers and noise-making equipment.

Although a detail of fifteen police was on guard in the hall they could not quell the disturbances.

Several persons were ejected. The more demonstrative among the crowd outside started several fights, while after the meeting partisans of both sides in half a dozen instances attempted to back their opinions with their fists as the crowd was filing out of the armory.

Attacks Extravagance.

Davis fiercely attacked the present administration's policies and reiterated his charges of extravagance against Witt's administration of the street railway commissioner's office. Witt just as vigorously defended Mayor Baker's acts and again proclaimed himself "the man who had created the finest street car system in the world," in dynamic terms.

Each speaker shouted his points at the top of his voice and used his arms in a most demonstrative manner, driving his particular supporters into a frenzy of thunderous cheers. Neither took the full amount of time allotted him, each cutting his last fifteen minutes almost in half.

Witt declared his platform consisted of promises to work for a revision of laws regarding the payment of Cleveland's taxes for county roads, a proposed amendment to the charter providing that repaving should be paid for according to the value of the land and amalgamation of the two telephone systems. He also went into a lengthy defense of his administration as traction commissioner. He talked of "bringing the cream of the citizenship of the country" to Cleveland, until it "had, not one million, but millions" and would be "proud of our high buildings and our community spirit."

Davis Cheered.

As Davis proclaimed his platform he was constantly interrupted by alternate heckling, cheers and commotions. He declared his principal planks were efficiency in hiring men, economy in public contracts, continuous audit, consolidation of water and light departments and street repair and street cleaning.

No visions or dreams entered into his plans for running the city government other than to conduct its business "on the level" and not "in the hole."

Davis arrived upon the scene first, with his "seconds," Councilman Fitz-Gerald and Pierre A. White. Witt followed shortly after, accompanied by his two daughters. His "seconds" were Director of Finance Coughlin, Director of Public Service Sidlo and Joseph Alexander, Witt's assistant in the traction service.

As each candidate came down the aisle he was greeted with tumultuous applause, men clambering on their chairs and throwing their hats in the air. Each side was seeking to outdo the other in enthusiasm—and noise. Judge Fielder Sanders, chairman of the meeting, had difficulty in calling the gathering to order at 8:30 o'clock, the din had become so great. He introduced Witt and Davis as "the two leading candidates."

"I ask my friends not to applaud," said Witt, "because I haven't much time. My opponent several months ago said he would debate me at any time. Several weeks ago he said he would not. Now he consents. Not one of my three opponents offers a constructive program of government. They are all standing on the sidewalk throwing bricks as the train goes by.

"A man should be judged by his past. I have been making history in this city along with others. I intend to go onward and upward.

"One of the first promises that I made was to work for legislation that would turn into city coffers the $500,000 a year that we are giving to the county for outside roads and to retain in Cleveland the liquor license money that the state now gets and spends in aiding dry counties that are too good to sell booze but are willing to accept our booze money.

"I also propose to have the charter amended so that taxes for repaving shall be levied against property according to its value, thus raising enough in the downtown sections to pay for all repaving in outlying districts.

"Made a Mistake."

"We made a mistake in granting the Ohio State Telephone Company a franchise. They should consolidate, and if they won't I intend to force them to. It is contended that in any exchange of service one or the other would go under. As for that, let the weak one get out of business.

"I want to thank the other side for injecting the railway question into this campaign. I intended to keep it out. Every friend or foe of mine must admit I've been on the job as traction commissioner. I have brought the system from a junk pile to the finest line in the United States—yes, the world!"

He avowed his close friendship with President Stanley, of the railway company, and lauded him for the way in which he was carrying out the Tayler grant. He declared it was his "duty" to be friendly with Stanley since, if he and the railway head couldn't agree, the Tayler grant would become void.

Davis declared he wanted Witt judged by his past and then launched into an attack upon his street railway commissionership.

"I say the issue is whether the next mayor will live within his means," proclaimed Davis. "Witt won't admit that the present revenues are enough, because that would be an admission that the administration has been extravagant."

"Tell us what you will do," broke in a heckler.

"I propose to get a dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent," Davis answered. "I won't hire two men for one man's work. I will give you a continuous audit, so you will be constantly informed as to where your money is going. I intend to consolidate the light and water departments and the street repair and street cleaning, thus saving money there."

Cites Figures.

Davis then cited figures showing an increase of $1,200,000 in salaries since 1910, the increased appropriation for the welfare department, the water tunnel being built by direct labor at $1,200,000 more than a contractor offered to construct it for and the employment of various experts, especially A. B. du Pont, at a salary of $1,000 a month. He reiterated his charge of bad business in awarding the filtration plant contract, charging the city lost $154,000 by it.

He also advocated the sale of the old workhouse, valued at $200,000, and use of the money for other purposes, as being better than using it as a storehouse.

"Witt has told you about his great achievements," said Davis. "If he didn't do his work, who would? He is getting paid for being on the job.

"But is it his duty to be friendly with President Stanley? In my opinion they are altogether too thick."

At this point a loud commotion interrupted the speaker and Davis declared he was "glad my friends gave Witt respectful attention, even if Democrats don't give me the same." He then read Tom L. Johnson's statement against the Tayler grant which declared that with the aid of a friendly commissioner the fare could be raised.

"Witt said two years ago we should leave three-cent fare in the hands of its friends," said Davis. "We thought we did, but the fare has gone up. Witt said three-cent fare would continue if he was in power. He was left in power, 30 per cent of the car riders are paying four cents.

"Witt Must Take Blame."

"Witt must take the blame for the increase in fare. Is it reasonable to suppose that Stanley had nothing to do with the expenditure of these millions of dollars upon equipment and fancy car barns? I believe we should consider the workers' wages before we do palatial buildings."

Heckling punctuated much of Davis' talk at this point. Cheers also greeted many of his statements.

"Witt now says he would oust the Illuminating company. The Democrats have been in power for thirteen years; why haven't they done these many things they now promise before this?"

As Davis arose for his closing argument he was handed a list of questions as to what expenditures of the various city departments during the past year he would eliminate. Witt asked that Davis answer them. Davis ignored the demand.

"Witt attacked my administration of the city treasurer's office," said Davis. "I saved the entire expenses of running my office by collecting debts the Democrats had said were outlawed. Witt is now for municipal light. A short time ago he was for municipal ownership of street railways. Now he is against it. Why?

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Yells of "Skin him, Pete!" when Mr. Witt smashed over a point, and yells of "Get 'im, Harry!" when Mr. Davis shot out his fist with an argument, punctuated the speeches.

Queries Davis on Saving.

Mr. Witt in rebuttal said he wanted Mr. Davis to tell which expenditures made by the city in 1915 he would cut down, and how. He handed the list, totaling $4,515,000, to his opponent.

Mr. Davis in rebuttal used only a few minutes of the fifteen allowed. His answer to the commissioner's question was that he would cut out "the waste and extravagance that's now going on." While part of the crowd yelled "How?" he explained he intended making a saving in one direction by mailing sidewalk repair notices instead of having a $75 a month employe serve them, and by having policemen report violations of the smoke ordinance instead of inspectors.

Mr. Witt opened the debate:

"In this campaign it's Pete Witt against the field," he said. "If you've paid any attention to the opposition I think you'll agree neither of the other three is offering any constructive work. The three are standing on the sidewalk throwing bricks as the train goes by. That will avail nothing to them or to you. The man to be elected mayor a week from next Tuesday must be judged by his past.

"Some of us have been helping to write in letters of fire on the universal sign that all may read of the greatness of Cleveland. We also propose work for the future."

The commissioner told his stand for carrying to the legislature as mayor of Cleveland a demand for change in the tax laws to give Cleveland $500,000 collected here, that annually goes to the county for county roads, $400,000 that goes to the state for state roads, and $500,000 of liquor license revenue collected in the city that goes to the state.

He told of his proposal to pay for repaving by levying a tax against the value of the land, exclusive of improvements, which he said would raise enough money in two years to repave all the principal thoroughfares without issuing a bond. He said the two telephone companies should be forced to exchange service if they would not consolidate. He said he wanted to thank "the opposition" for bringing up the question of street railways.

"I am glad," he cried, "for friend and foe must admit that in three years and nine months I've been on the job! I brought a pile of junk up to the finest railway, not in the United States alone, but in the world. The fighting leader of the minority from the time my name was mentioned opposed every improvement we made. The fighting minority opposed buying trailer cars. They said they would kill all the people and there would be no one left for the motors to carry. We had that on no less authority than Gen. FitzGerald himself."

There was a general roar and Councilman FitzGerald, sitting beside Mr. Davis, smiled broadly.

Mr. Witt said the only record of "Gerry Dahl's" twenty-two months as commissioner was the "$1,000 a month paid him to acquire the habit of playing golf." He spoke of extensions and cross town lines constructed.

"That's work and that's a record which speaks for itself," he cried to the crowd. He spoke of the assertion that he is "too close to John Stanley." He said the moment a commissioner as the city's partner and a president as the company's partner in the partnership, which he declared is the Tayler grant, failed to agree, the grant would fall to the ground.

It was in rebuttal he asked Mr. Davis where he would save, renewed his proposal to give 3-cent light by March 1 by enlarging the municipal plant if the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. doesn't reduce its rates, and closed in these sentences:

"This thing of throwing bricks as the train passes by gets you nothing. This constant repetition, 'I'm going to save, eliminate waste'—we heard it for fifteen years, and in a moment of weakness and forgetfulness the people defeated Tom Johnson, and you had two years you've been trying to forget ever since!

"The man aspiring to the high office of mayor who can only criticize isn't worthy of the office. In my forty-six years I've been dreaming, seeing visions. Thirty years ago when I stood on the street corners preaching my doctrine, I saw the golden days ahead, I pictured men working eight hours a day instead of ten, of conditions worth living in."

A lone cry of "Amen" raised an interrupting laugh, soon hushed.

"I see a bigger and grander Cleveland. That day is coming. The march of progress is within us. I call upon you to compare the city of Cleveland in the fifteen years my side has been in power with any thirty years in history!"

Thundering applause went up as he ended.

Mr. Davis in opening was greeted with a long and loud demonstration, the rattling of rattles and tooting of horns. He said he also wanted Mr. Witt to be judged by his past and that he wanted to be judged by his own past, confident of the result. Whether the next mayor shall live within his means is the issue, he declared.

"They say it can't be done," he urged. "Of course they say that. If they admitted they could live within their means, they would have to admit there has been waste and extravagance in thirteen of the past fifteen years. Of course, the next mayor's task will be difficult if he is of the present mayor's choice, if he is a man who has to conceal and hide things in the city hall. But if he is a man of courage, he'll start at the top and go to the bottom, eliminating all waste and extravagance, and that's what I propose to do as your mayor!

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He declared in favor of forcing consolidation of the two telephone companies, declaring the telephone business to be a natural monopoly, and then turned to his record as street railroad commissioner.

"As the fighting leader of the opposition said, I didn't know anything about the job when I became street railroad commissioner," said Mr. Witt, "but in three and one-half years I made a pile of junk into the finest street railroad system, not in this country, but in the world."

Mr. Davis, who followed him with a thirty-minute speech, devoted himself to charges of extravagance and cited figures to prove his assertions that the city government was wasteful in expenditure of public funds.

"One of the things I shall do when I am mayor is to insist on a continuous audit of the books of the city so that every citizen may know the city's financial condition at all times," he said.

Mr. Davis read these figures show-

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PLAN GARAGE ASSOCIATION.

The sum of $11.50 was returned to J. H. Clark yesterday by the city building department on order of Mayor Newton D. Baker.

Mr. Clark has claimed at tent meetings that he paid this amount for a permit for the construction of a lodging house at Huron-rd S. E. and Ontario-st. Mayor Baker said at Friday night's tent meeting that he would order this sum restored.

City officials say that Mr. Clark was incorrectly charged the amount in question.

Man Who Made Charge at Tent Meetings Wins Point.

GETS HIS MONEY BACK

Mrs. Fronsoe alleges that on the death of her grandfather his widow Asa S. Bushnell, who was Governor Bushnell, who is a son of the late sold her share, ten acres, to Seeger. Ohio, has come into possession of the property.

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"The strain of the campaign, particularly the night work, has told on me," he explained. "My physician warned me this morning not to attempt to go out today—but here I am."

Many West Siders still wonder what became of the municipal fish market, Salen declared.

"Honest dealing forced it out of business," he said. "When demand for good fish at five cents a pound exhausted the ready supply, the city-owned market substituted inferior fish. Private markets then gave the people what they wanted at the same price. Thus did another brilliant civic bubble burst."

The present administration and all its policies will go into discard the same way on November 2, Salen predicted.

Salen told his audience that fourteen years ago, when the entire East Side arose in arms against the erection of the Kossuth monument in their vicinity, he was instrumental in having it set up where it now stands in Wade Park.

"I believe this section of the [illegible] is tired of the dominance of [illegible] leadership," said Salen in c[illegible] "I'm sure you're going to [illegible] yourselves for a change in [illegible] ment."

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Mr. Witt in rebuttal said he wanted Mr. Davis to tell which expenditures made by the city in 1915 he would cut down, and how. He handed the list, totaling $4,515,000, to his opponent.

Mr. Davis in rebuttal used only a few minutes of the fifteen allowed. His answer to the commissioner's question was that he would cut out "the waste and extravagance that's now going on." While part of the crowd yelled "How?" he explained he intended making a saving in one direction by mailing sidewalk repair notices instead of having a $75 a month employe serve them, and by having policemen report violations of the smoke ordinance instead of inspectors.

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"In this campaign it's Pete Witt against the field," he said. "If you've paid any attention to the opposition I think you'll agree neither of the other three is offering any constructive work. The three are standing on the sidewalk throwing bricks as the train goes by. That will avail nothing to them or to you. The man to be elected mayor a week from next Tuesday must be judged by his past.

"Some of us have been helping to write in letters of fire on the universal sign that all may read of the greatness of Cleveland. We also propose work for the future."

The commissioner told his stand for carrying to the legislature as mayor of Cleveland a demand for change in the tax laws to give Cleveland $500,000 collected here, that annually goes to the county for county roads, $400,000 that goes to the state for state roads, and $500,000 of liquor license revenue collected in the city that goes to the state.

He told of his proposal to pay for repaving by levying a tax against the value of the land, exclusive of improvements, which he said would raise enough money in two years to repave all the principal thoroughfares without issuing a bond. He said the two telephone companies should be forced to exchange service if they would not consolidate. He said he wanted to thank "the opposition" for bringing up the question of street railways.

"I am glad," he cried, "for friend and foe must admit that in three years and nine months I've been on the job! I brought a pile of junk up to the finest railway, not in the United States alone, but in the world. The fighting leader of the minority from the time my name was mentioned opposed every improvement we made. The fighting minority opposed buying trailer cars. They said they would kill all the people, and there would be no one left for the motors to carry. We had that on no less authority than Gen. FitzGerald himself."

There was a general roar and Councilman FitzGerald, sitting beside Mr. Davis, smiled broadly.

Mr. Witt said the only record of "Gerry Dahl's" twenty-two months as commissioner was the "$1,000 a month paid him to acquire the habit of playing golf." He spoke of extensions and cross town lines constructed.

"That's work and that's a record which speaks for itself," he cried to the crowd. He spoke of the assertion that he is "too close to John Stanley." He said the moment a commissioner as the city's partner and a president as the company's partner in the partnership, which he declared is the Tayler grant, failed to agree, the grant would fall to the ground.

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"This thing of throwing bricks as the train passes by gets you nothing. This constant repetition, 'I'm going to save, eliminate waste'—we heard it for fifteen years, and in a moment of weakness and forgetfulness the people defeated Tom Johnson, and you had two years you've been trying to forget ever since!

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A lone cry of "Amen" raised an interrupting laugh, soon hushed.

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Thundering applause went up as he ended.

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"They say it can't be done," he urged. "Of course they say that. If they admitted they could live within their means, they would have to admit there has been waste and extravagance in thirteen of the past fifteen years. Of course, the next mayor's task will be difficult if he is of the present mayor's choice, if he is a man who has to conceal and hide things in the city hall. But if he is a man of courage, he'll start at the top and go to the bottom, eliminating all waste and extravagance, and that's what I propose to do as your mayor!

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He declared in favor of forcing consolidation of the two telephone companies, declaring the telephone business to be a natural monopoly, and then turned to his record as street railroad commissioner.

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"One of the things I shall do when I am mayor is to insist on a continuous audit of the books of the city so that every citizen may know the city's financial condition at all times," he said.

Mr. Davis read these figures showing city expenditures: Wag[illegible] salaries, for 1910, were $3,[illegible] and for 1914, $4,423,000; chari[illegible] correction, 1914, $698,000, wit[illegible] 000 asked and $3,000 less app[illegible] ated by council for 1915, with [illegible] tional appropriations for 1915 total[illegible] ing $118,000. He said the West Side tunnel would cost a total of $2,300,000 with the city doing the work, although $1,025,000 was bid by contractors. He said the boat City of Mt. Clemens was purchased for $6,539 and had cost $30,000 for maintenance and repair. He said the city lost $154,000 on the Casey contract for constructing the filter plant. He spoke of the municipal orchestra, costing $12,000 a year, and said the old workhouse property on Woodland-av S. E., worth $200,000 is being used as a store house. He declared the Union-av S. E. model allotment cost $120,000, that the project has been abandoned and efforts made to sell the property, and that the highest bid has been $90,000.

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Salen also addressed two meetings of foreign societies in the afternoon. His ward and precinct workers met and discussed final plans for the campaign.

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Witt's talk was announced by the chairman, Thomas Fitzgerald, as a lecture rather than a political speech. Upon the Hippodrome stage were vice presidents of the labor unions. During Witt's talk on labor unions one of the vice presidents went to sleep and had to be roused by a neighbor.

Richard H. Metcalf, official of the International Iron Molders' union, introduced Witt.

After tracing the history of organized labor from its beginning, Witt said:

Debs Grand Leader.

"Eugene V. Debs was one of the grandest leaders that ever came from the ranks," Witt exclaimed. "By the sheer force of his personality as a labor leader he stopped the wheels of the railroads of the country. History will place upon his brow a laurel wreath."

Witt diverted to a short political talk in which he declared he answered a delegation of employers asking his attitude in the event of a labor war by stating that "plug-uglies" would not be tolerated in strikes. Then he turned to preparedness for war.

"Let me say right here that a larger army and navy would not keep us out of war, but would be used to hold in subjection the producer while he is being robbed. Military preparedness does not lead to peace but to destruction. Every labor man should begin tomorrow to influence the government against increased armament.

He referred to the excise tax as another indirect tax, declaring:

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WITT PREDICTS END OF LABOR BATTLES

Mayoralty Candidate Sees Day When Disputes Will be Settled Over Table Top.

Pictures Universal Brotherhood Due to Henry George Idea.

Predicting labor battles of the future would be fought over table tops in argument, not with arms, and picturing the dawn of a day when the philosophy of Henry George would unite mankind in a universal brotherhood, Peter Witt yesterday afternoon held in close attention an assemblage that filled the lower floor and part of the balcony of the Hippodrome.

Mr. Witt gave organized labor the credit for every humane law on the statute books. He cried that "as mayor of Cleveland," in event of labor troubles, he alone would conserve the peace, that while he would not tolerate slugging by strikers, neither would he tolerate the use against strikers of "plug uglies and thugs."

He protested bitterly against the proposition that national armament is a guarantee of peace.

He declared the present system of taxation is a punishment only to the industrious and thrifty, that the solution of the problem lies in applying for the use of all the unearned increment in land values, which he said is created by all. He advocated a pension for the aged in the "army of industry" that would be paid by the young.

His lecture subject was "Union Labor and Taxation." He prefaced his address with the statement the meeting would not be political. The gathering had been arranged by the Peter Witt Labor club as a labor demonstration for the administration candidate for mayor.

Tom Fitzsimons was chairman. There were brief remarks by Richard H. Metcalf of Cincinnati, formerly of Cleveland, financier of the International Molders' union, introduced by the chairman as "a man who has left a sickbed to champion the cause of a friend." Mr. Metcalf, referring to changes in this city since he left it, termed Peter Witt "one of the truest crusaders in the best crusade ever undertaken, the crusade for justice and right for mankind."

Mr. Witt said as cities grew, as men gathered in central spots and men and women went to work for others, it became apparent individual bargaining for wages and working conditions was impossible.

If the producers were to be benefitted, there was but one way, he said—to organize for collective bargaining. He discussed the growth of the organized labor movement, paying tribute to Eugene Debs as "one of the noblest and grandest men who ever came out of the ranks of organized labor, one of the great personalities of your and my day."

"The demands of labor never will cease," he said, "until all men have the right to labor, and having that right, shall enjoy the full products of their labor." He said both sides in the labor question must come to a realization the "common enemy of both is privilege and monopoly."

Thus Mr. Witt led up to taxation and his discussion of the doctrine of single tax. He termed the tariff a "swindle," talked of the war, said the remedy would be free trade, "for you don't fight with your customers." He said next week Tuesday, as a result of "having defeated the best governor Ohio ever had, and made the mistake of electing Willis, we'll elect assessors again, and go back eighty years."

"Land value," Mr. Witt said, "is a social product, and belongs to all. The thing all make belongs to all of us, and should be appropriated by the state for social uses.

"That is the philosophy of Henry George. That is the philosophy that's growing through the world, that he who produces shall hold the product, but that what is produced by all shall be given to all. That is the philosophy, and its essence is religion, the belief that God did not give this earth that a few might own it and the rest be boarders upon it. That philosophy will find friends who will fight for it, and if need be, die for it.

"We had one here, who rose from poverty to affluence, who forsook his class to serve the mass. He who gave not only his money, but more than money, himself, to the cause he believed in as a disciple of Henry George! He—"

Thundering applause interrupted him before he could pronounce the name of Tom L. Johnson. The speaker swept on, both arms outstretched, voice ringing:

"Where he trod, others will tread! The fight he carried on and gave his life for will be picked up by others. The golden days are just ahead, not behind, and the struggle will be carried on by those with whom the fight is a religion, to bring the day when all will dwell on equal terms, one with the other, in the spirit of the brotherhood of mankind. And the way to bring that day is adoption of the philosophy of Henry George!"

Salen Says 'Don't Stop Pursuit of Pleasure'

Charles P. Salen dwelt at length on the value of an early religious training last night to Ninth ward voters in a hall meeting over 86 Public square. Then he told his audience he believes no one should be disturbed in the pursuit of pleasure and happiness "as long as they don't disturb the peace and happiness of others."

"There are organizations in Cleveland, this great cosmopolitan center, that have no other purpose than to gather once a week for social intercourse," said Mr. Salen. "And on those occasions police are sent to invade their quarters, darken their doors and dampen their hour of social happiness."

Mr. Salen said the real trouble with Cleveland is "a petticoat administration for the past four years with no men to mix with the people and understand their needs."

"When I started Sunday baseball at Brookside park there was a howl of protest, but a month later the same men who led the indignation meetings came to me and said Sunday baseball helped the morals of the community. After Jan. 1 we will get back to first principles again. There are men in this audience who can decide such things better than the present administration."

Socialists to Oppose Union Station Project

The Socialist party at a mass meeting last night in headquarters at 737 Prospect-av S. E., decided to oppose the Union station ordinance, the Cleveland & Youngstown high level freight terminal and Barber subway grants.

According to C. E. Ruthenberg, candidate for mayor of the party, Socialists believe the city is making a poor bargain in the station proposition. They oppose the freight terminal ordinance because they object to having the city vacate the streets the project will require without being compensated for them by the railroad.

Regarding other state and city questions to be voted on Nov. 2, the party took this action:

Separate representation for newly annexed territory, opposed; deficiency bond issue of $1,500,000, favored; special tax levy for sewage disposal, favored; $100,000 bond issue for comfort stations, favored; Carnegie-av S. E. extension bond issue of $300,000, favored; grade crossing elimination bond issue of $1,600,000, favored; prohibition amendment, no action; liquor decentralizer, no action; six-year term for county officers, opposed; exemption of municipal bonds from taxation, favored; Stability league amendment, opposed, and Sprague gerrymander, opposed.

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4 CANDIDATES PROMISE 'RED HOT' LAST WEEK

Four Tents Will Be Out, Two for Witt, One Each for Davis and Salen.

Four of the five candidates for Mayor Monday night will begin a series of meetings that each hopes will land him in the mayor's chair and each promises to make the last week of the campaign the "hottest that Cleveland ever has seen." Four tents will be used, beginning Monday night, two by the Democratic organization, back of Tractioner Witt's candidacy and one each by Charles P. Salen and Harry L. Davis. Miner G. Norton will not use a tent.

Norton will be the only one of the four candidates who will not address an open meeting Monday night. After a noonday meeting at the Bishop-Babcock-Becker Company plant, 1303 E. 49th st., Norton will devote the rest of the day and evening to completing his ward organizations.

Witt, Salen and Davis will continue their meetings until Saturday night, with a probability that each will arrange some kind of a last-minute campaign for doubtful voters.

Witt, it is said, will continue his "constructive" campaign through the week and every night will reiterate to from three to five audiences his promises of what will be done "after I am elected." Davis also will promulgate his economy and efficiency program in meetings from the east to the west end city limits.

Salen supporters declare his real campaign will begin Tuesday night, when the Salen tent will be pitched at E. 138th st. and St. Clair ave. Salen will use a series of lantern slides to illustrate his charge that public funds have been squandered by the Baker administration. Salen also promises an "expose of conditions that have existed in city hall that will shake Cleveland to its foundations."

Failure of the Civic League to indorse any of the four leading mayoralty candidates and for its sidestepping most of the bond issues, amendments and other special questions to be voted on next Tuesday, has nullified every other indorsement and act of the league, according to the feeling in the headquarters of all candidates Monday. Workers for all four candidates declare that a civic organization which sets itself up as an adviser to voters and then fails to advise on the most important issues to be decided has "failed of its purpose and is not entitled to consideration of its recommendations."

The Democratic organization is particularly bitter against the league because of its failure to indorse all the Democratic councilmen seeking re-election. With the exception of Robert Foster, candidate for re-election in the Twenty-fourth ward, the organization is back of the Democrats seeking re-election.

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Opinion was about equally divided Monday among the 3,000 persons who were able to get into Grays' armory to hear the Witt-Davis debate Saturday night as to who the victor was.

The debate attracted easily 2,000 more persons than could be jammed into the armory. Those who expected Witt to indulge in his old-time fire-eating tactics were disappointed, because he confined his efforts to oratory, a defense of the Baker administration and the platform on which he seeks election.

During the first half hour Witt talked and hurled questions for Davis to answer and the audience remained quiet. But Witt's followers heckled Davis as soon as he started to speak. Davis bitterly informed his hecklers that his friends had given Witt a respectful hearing.

Davis arraigned the Baker administration for extravagance and charged Witt with extravagant administration of the traction commissioner's office. He blamed Witt for the increase in fare.

"It's Pete Witt against the field. Not one of my three opponents offers a constructive program of government," Witt said. "They are all standing on the sidewalk throwing bricks as the train goes by."

Witt started to paint a vision of the Utopia Cleveland will be if he is elected mayor, but his pretty word picture was spoiled when someone drawled a long "A-a-a-men!" and drew a loud laugh.

"I have never seen any visions or had any great dreams about the city," Davis said. "All I want is to make it a city on the level instead of a city in the hole. I want to ask Witt how long it has been since he stopped throwing bricks at passing trains."

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The Civic League, in its bulletin on council candidates, makes these selections:

Mayor Baker and his administration were attacked by C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist mayoralty candidate, Sunday night at Bohemian gardens for spending city money in providing boulevards, while garbage collections and disposals were neglected.

At another meeting Ruthenberg announced his platform as being opposed to all city propositions to be voted on with the exception of the purchase of the street railway company.

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The Civic League, in its last bulletin of the campaign, issued Monday, offers voters advice on only two of the twelve city propositions to be voted on November 2. The league urges defeat of the minimum wage amendment, which all candidates support, and urges support of the amendment giving representation in council to annexed territory. The league takes no stand on the dry amendment, but urges defeat of the Stability League amendment, the extension of county officers' terms and the Sprague and McDermott laws.

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WITT CERTAIN HE'LL WIN ON FIRST CHOICE

"I'll Poll More Than 50,000 First Choice Votes," He Says---Other Candidates Make Predictions of Success.

Harry Davis Hopes to Be Victor on Second Choice Ballots---Bettors Place 10 to 6 Odds on Witt.

Pete Witt Monday at the start of the final week of the mayoralty campaign asserted he would be elected on first choice votes.

"It's Witt against the field and I'll win on first choice votes, which means I'll poll more than 50,000 of them," said Witt.

Harry L. Davis' campaign managers said they based their hope of winning on the number of second choice ballots that went to Davis.

"Davis will get between 36,000 and 40,000 first choice votes, and win on the second choice count," said Judge Fielder Sanders, chairman of the Davis committee.

Predictions for other candidates were:

Miner G. Norton: "I expect more than 25,000 first choice votes."

A. W. Stockman, secretary of Charlie Salen's committee: "Salen will poll about 25,000 first choice votes."

C. E. Ruthenberg: "My first choice votes should run between 12,000 and 15,000."

Witt Betting Favorite.

Richard Koeppel, socialist labor candidate: "I think I'll get about 600 first choice votes."

There are 112,748 men voters registered.

Bettors Monday were still playing Witt as favorite at odds of 10 to 6.

The bettors make it even money that Witt will get at least 40,000 first choice votes.

Witt will speak at two tent meetings practically every night this week.

Davis speaks in his tent every night this week, while Salen starts his tent meetings Tuesday night, when he says he's going to shock the city with startling revelations.

Norton plans to end his campaign Friday night at Grays armory with a big mass meeting.

Noonday meetings will be held each day.

The great throng of voters who packed the Hippodrome Sunday afternoon at the meeting of the Peter Witt labor club has convinced politicians that interest in the campaign is at fever heat.

Witt Pleads Labor's Cause.

Witt pleaded the cause of union labor and single tax.

"Every humane piece of legislation, from laws to stop grinding children into dollars to mothers' pensions has been enacted as a result of the work of labor unions," Witt said.

"The day is coming when every aged worker in the great industrial army will get a pension, to be paid by the army of youth.

"The employers' association has asked me how I would act, in case of a strike, toward labor sluggers. I told that body I would not tolerate labor slugging nor slugging by private detectives employed by employers. In case of a strike, I will preserve the peace.

Arbitration to Win.

"The labor battles of the future will be settled across the table in peace. Employer and employe must fight together against their common foe—privilege and monopoly.

"Taxation is the biggest form of monopoly. It is indirect and direct. The tariff is the most gigantic swindle. Only one man ever told the truth about the tariff tax. He's the chap who said it is indirect taxation that gets the most feathers out of a goose with the least amount of squawking.

"By our personal property tax we raise liars and not money. We must have local option for cities in taxation matters and then will come the battle here between those who want to tax energy, labor and thrift and those who want to tax indolence. We are punishing the thrifty almost to a point of confiscation of property by the present system of taxation.

What Public Square Raises.

"Land around the Public Square, that 125 years ago wasn't good enough to raise jimson weed, now raises trips around the world, automobiles, theater parties, and sometimes even hell.

"The unearned increment from land should be taken for social purposes. It's the product of the many and should be used by the many.

"The philosophy of Henry George is recognition of the fundamental principle that God did not give the land for some of us to own and the rest of us to be only boarders on."

"Doesn't the difference between three and five-cent fare find its way into the pocketbook of the landlord under the present system of taxations?" came a question from the front row.

"Sure it does," was Witt's instant response. Then he pointed out the way land values on Harvard-av had risen when the Harvard-Denison line was built."

Marx Theories Unworkable.

"You've eulogized 'Gene Debs," came another query, "and now I want to know why you don't indorse the philosophy of Karl Marx?"

"Ah, you are a socialist," responded Witt. "But I tell you the Marxian philosophy isn't workable. It won't go, as you will see if you think hard enough to think your way out of it."

In introducing Witt, Tom Fitzsimons referred to him as "our Peter."

R. H. Metcalf, financier of the international molders' union, paid this tribute to Witt:

"He is one of the truest crusaders in the best crusade ever waged for right and justice. He is honest, fearless and conscientious. You always know where he stands. He does nothing behind your back, but tells you frankly his position, even tho it may not be the same as yours."

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DEBATE MARKED BY HEAVY FIRING

Witt and Davis Exchange Counter Charges.

Some of the hottest verbal pellets discharged during the Pete Witt-Harry Davis debate at Grays armory Saturday night:

"I see a greater Cleveland—a Cleveland with a million, aye, millions of people, a city that always goes forward, not backward," cried Witt, dramatically.

"I have no great visions," said Davis. "I see a city on the level instead of a city in the hole."

"I charge waste and extravagance against the democratic administrations," said Davis.

"You once were city treasurer and it cost more to run that office under you than ever before or since," shot back Witt.

"Yes, I had to collect old bills that democrats had marked outlawed," returned Davis.

"Will Give Full Value."

"The Concon paid many of those old bills merely on a written notification sent by mail," countered Witt, and added:

"Neither you nor the other candidates have a constructive platform. A man who can't do anything but criticise isn't big enough to be mayor. You're just throwing stones while the cars go by."

"When did Peter Witt stop throwing stones?" demanded Davis. "I have a constructive platform. I propose to live within the city's income and see the city get full value for every dollar."

Voice from the crowd: "Yes, you'll do what Herman Baehr did."

Davis: "Witt tells you of all the extensions he's made and cars bought. That was only his duty."

Voice from the audience: "How about Gerry Dahl? He didn't do it."

Witt: "I've been on the job as tractioner and have brought the Concon up from a pile of junk to the finest road in the country. I did this in the face of steady opposition of the republican minority, now backing Davis."

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WITT ROUTS BAND OF HECKLERS, WHO FLEE TENT MEETS

Candidate Answers All Questions and Silences Persistent Ones; Crowd Cries 'Throw 'Em Out.'

Query as to Segregated District Policy Brings Out Deal Over Eight Years Old.

BAKER BRANDS WERTZ STORY AS FALSEHOOD

Mayor Also Charges Patronage Yarn is Betrayal of Confidence.

Starting into the last stretch of the campaign, Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, last night found himself the target for hecklers, who threw questions at him pertaining to events dating back, in some cases, eight or nine years. To every query Mr. Witt replied in detail. In one instance the heckler beat a retreat from the tent.

After two tent meetings, one on E. 38th-st, near Central-av S. E., and another at Payne-av N. E. and E. 47th-st, Mr. Witt closed the evening's campaigning with a short address at Jimmie Dunn's gymnasium, 2900 W. 14th-st, where he said he was sure he would be elected mayor on first choice votes.

It was there that Featherweight Champion Johnnie Kilbane introduced Mr. Witt as "our next mayor."

The E. 38th-st meeting was a quiet one in which Mr. Witt outlined what his program would be if elected and in which he predicted how the contest would close.

"I know who will be first and last. I will be first when the votes are counted and the Willis Republican will be last. I don't care who gets the other positions, but Mr. Norton will be second and Mr. Davis next."

Sees Dry Counties Get Cash.

It was at the Payne-av N. E. meeting that Mr. Witt was subjected to heckling. He had just completed an attack on the laws which took so much money from Cleveland for improvements in other parts of the state. He said $600,000 is taken from Cleveland annually to be used in dry counties.

"If the people in Geauga, Medina and Ashtabula counties have a conniption fit every time they see a public barroom, if they look in horror on persons who drink, they should have the common decency not to accept money from wet counties to help pay their expenses," he said. The applause greeting this statement was general. About 1,100 persons, many of them women, were at this meeting.

When quiet was restored, in the second row from the front a man arose and asked:

"Mr. Witt, do you believe in a segregated district?"

"I do not."

Cries of "throw him out. Give it to him Pete. Don't pay any attention to him."

"Let him alone," said Mr. Witt. "He's planted here. Let him go on."

"And, Mr. Witt," continued the heckler, "do you believe in assignation houses?"

"I do not."

"Then do you feel that a man financially interested in an assignation house is a good citizen?"

"Who is the man?" asked Mr. Witt. Three times he asked, but got only a request for an answer.

Question Long Expected.

"I've been looking for this for a long time," said Mr. Witt, "and here it is at last."

Mr. Witt then explained that he had formed a real estate company in 1906 and that in 1907 when he was out of the city the company leased two pieces of property, one on E. 55th-st and one at 510 and 512 Prospect-av S. E. Then, in the next campaign he was told his enemies were after him, saying his company was leasing property which was being used as a rooming house. He investigated, he said, and insisted that his company dispose of its lease, and that was done.

That was the last question this particular heckler asked and in a minute or two he disappeared.

He had scarcely gone when a man toward the rear of the tent yelled:

"Mr. Witt, in an address at Toledo in 1907 did you not say 'the man who wears a uniform of an American soldier is nothing but a bum'?"

Mr. Witt told how he had accepted an invitation of Mayor Whitlock to speak at Toledo on July 4.

"In Toledo," Mr. Witt said "I said I did not believe in armies. I did not then and I do not now. I said it would not hurt me if all the kings and queens in Europe were blown up. What I said about the American, I mean the standing army, was that it was composed of weaklings or lazy men or they would not be serving there for $14 a month. I said it then and I stand by it now. But a man who was half stewed was near me and he gave out that report of what I had said.

"I did not say it of the volunteer soldier. Why, I had the finest father who ever drew the breath of life. My old dad came to this country as an exile, yet when Ft. Sumter was fired on, although he was 40 years old and my mother had a family of a half dozen about the fireside, he was one of the first thousand to answer Abraham Lincoln's call for volunteers. He lived to be 77 years old and four days before he died he was out chasing a crooked councilman."

Mr. Witt heard no more hecklers.

Hecklers challenged Mayor Newton D. Baker in the Payne-av N. E. tent last night. The mayor answered them to the satisfaction of the crowd after sharp tilts.

Mayor Baker in his speech took notice of the statement made some time ago by Charles P. Salen that United States Attorney Ed S. Wertz had told him he could not appoint a first assistant in his office without consulting the Democratic organization here.

"The best that could be claimed for Mr. Salen's statement is that it was a vulgar betrayal of the confidence of Mr. Wertz, but it is even worse than that. It is an impudent falsehood," cried the mayor.

It was after Mayor Baker, in talking of the long fight of Tom L. Johnson to bring about 3-cent fare, had said that Mr. Johnson's vision had "captured the imagination" of Federal Judge Tayler who drew up the grant that the first questioner spoke.

"What do you mean by saying that Tom Johnson went to Judge Tayler and framed up the Tayler grant; don't you know that Johnson was against the Tayler grant?"

"My friend, you are partly right in saying Tom Johnson was against the Tayler grant. Mr. Johnson and myself both had doubts as to the valuations placed by the judge on some of the items. But before it came to a vote I was convinced the Tayler grant was as just a solution as could be had to a problem that had vexed us for twenty years, and I voted for it. Mr. Johnson knew I voted for it and he did not disapprove."

Mayor Baker at the tent on E. 38th-st urged his hearers not only to elect Mr. Witt mayor as the man "who is best suited to carry Cleveland forward in its career," but also to elect councilmen who would help him.

"Don't place a sword in his hand and then paralyze his arm," urged the mayor.

Most of his short address was spent in explaining the improvements at City hospital.

"We have increased the capacity of the hospital by 300 beds and have built an administration building, a power plant, a service building, a nurses home and have made other improvements," he said.

In taking up his campaign talk, Candidate Witt at this meeting said:

"This is the beginning of the end. six more days of work, one of rest, one of thought and then the battle of ballots will be on."

"It'll end all right, Pete," shouted a friend.

"You bet it'll end all right," replied the candidate.

"Mr. Davis has been charging waste. But Saturday night I asked him where he would save and he said he would do away with the notice servers by sending out notices by mail. Mr. Davis was city treasurer for two years, yet he does not know that the law orders personal service."

In his tent meetings, Mr. Witt again explained why he is opposed at present to the purchase by the city of the street railway, although he is in favor of municipal ownership. He said the purchase should come with a change in the law when the line need not be mortgaged.

He said there is no reason why every home in Cleveland should not be lighted by electricity, furnished at 3 cents a kilowatt hour and he repeated his intention of making the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. come down to the city's figures by March 1, 1916.

Rev. Dr. Harris R. Cooley, director of public welfare, spoke at the Payne-av N. E. tent in behalf of better work by the city for the children of the community.

Norton Men Organize Ward Election Workers

Following the organization meeting at the Alley club Saturday night, Miner G. Norton yesterday completed his ward and precinct working body for election day.

The work occupied the entire day and it was late at night before final instructions were given the workers of the committee of 500 at the headquarters, 506 Society for Savings building.

No speaking meetings were held last night by the organization but the meetings will be resumed tonight and continued through the week. The big meeting of the Norton campaign will be held at the Grays armory Friday night.

"We will have a complete organization for election day as the result of the meetings Saturday and today," said J. W. Holcomb of the Norton committee last night. "The volunteer work offered is in every ward and precinct of the city."

SALEN ASKS WHY 'CROSSER FLOPPED'

Wants Congressman to Explain Alleged Change to Support 'Ring.'

Candidate Tells His Ward Followers They Must Work Harder.

Mayoralty Candidate Charles P. Salen last night called on Congressman Robert Crosser to explain why he has "flopped over to the Democratic ring which he fought so fiercely last year when that ring tried to defeat him."

Reading from a newspaper clipping giving one of Congressman Crosser's speeches in last year's campaign, Mr. Salen pointed out the congressman had referred to the "machine politicians seeking to dupe the people into supporting an organization which is trying to foist on the public a machine picked man."

"All of Mr. Crosser's people are backing our nonpartisan movement," said Mr. Salen. "It is quite surprising their former leader should have flopped over to his former enemies."

Mr. Salen spoke at eight meetings last night, three of which were unadvertised. He failed to follow the schedule mapped out for him by his managers. His second meeting was in Koenig's hall, 3704 Superior-av N. E. The crowd was small and came late. Mr. Salen spoke but five minutes.

His last meeting was fairly well attended in a hall at 11026 Cedar-av S. E., nineteenth ward. After this meeting he reprimanded a Salen worker for not getting more sentiment in this ward for him.

"You have got to work harder," he said to the worker.

Other advertised meetings which Mr. Salen addressed were in Ward 22, in a hall at 7331 Wade Park-av N. E. and Ward 16, Hungarian National hall, 8804 Buckeye-rd S. E. He talked economy and elimination of waste and attacked Candidate Peter Witt's management of the street car service.

At the meeting in Hungarian hall, Candidate Harry L. Davis arrived while Mr. Salen was speaking and took a seat on the platform behind him. When Mr. Salen finished he walked over to Mr. Davis and shook hands.

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DAVIS IS WET, HE SAYS IN MEETING

Candidate, for First Time, Gives Stand on Liquor, Answering Query.

Storms as Heckler Says He Changed Mind on Deficit Bond Issue.

Persistent heckling punctuated Mayoralty Candidate Harry L. Davis' remarks at his tent meeting last night at Madison-av N. W. and W. 99th-st. Questioning of the speaker was frequent, and among other things it established publicity, for the first time this campaign, that Mr. Davis is wet.

First interrogation came while the mayoralty candidate was insisting that waste might be eliminated by the administration by consolidating street cleaning and street repair departments, thus decreasing the number of repair foremen.

"How much in dollars will you cut off the appropriation for street repair?" asked a heckler.

"Almost half, and the work will be done better," was the reply, after a moment's thought.

"Just how will you accomplish it?" asked the heckler.

"I've told you how already." He hesitated a moment and continued, "but we aren't going to cut. We're going to get twice as much work done for the same money."

"What departments will you cut?" shouted another.

"All, I told you a hundred times," was the hot reply, "and I'll work for nothing to make good if its necessary."

A few moments later, while attacking Peter Witt's record as street railway commissioner with the question, "Did you appoint a commissioner to be a partner of the Cleveland Railway Co?" another heckler asked:

"Hasn't Witt done his duty?"

"No, and I'll show you why," was the answer.

While completing this answer, Mr. Davis produced a typewritten sheet and said he had a question to ask Mr. Witt. This is what he read:

"I call your attention, Mr. Witt, to the following figures and ask you if they are substantially correct: Amount in street railway interest fund Oct. 1, 1915, $456,215. Amount Oct. 1, 1915, by which the street railway company has exceeded ordinance operating and maintenance allowance during your commissionership $586,000.

"Assuming that the above figures are approximately correct, and further assuming that any controversy as to the payment of excessive operating and maintenance expense will decided in accordance with the ruling of the arbitration board of June, 1913, will not the entire interest fund be wiped out and will there not be a deficit of $130,000 in that fund?"

Then Mr. Davis urged defeat of the $1,500,000 bond issue to cover the deficit in operating expenses of the city.

"Haven't you changed your mind since Sept. 7?" a heckler asked, and then proceeded to read a clipping of a Cleveland Leader story of that date which accredited Mr. Davis with favoring the bond issue.

"I was misquoted," Mr. Davis stormed.

"It was in three papers, Harry," another cried.

"I didn't say it. I haven't had the papers with me in this campaign and I don't care for their kind of support. I don't want someone holding a club over me after I'm elected. I don't want to be elected that way."

Other questions followed fast, among them the one asking for the candidate's stand on prohibition. But Mr. Davis did not dwell on this answer at any length.

"Come to our next tent," he said, "come from city hall, loaded down with your questions. I'll answer 'em if I can."

ATTACK WITT ON 2 STORIES OF HIS PAST

Says He Sold 'Shady' Property as Soon as He Heard of Use.

CALLS SOLDIERS LAZY

Asserts He Will Be First in Race, With Norton Second.

Two ghosts of the past—campaign stories that have floated in the air for weeks—were dragged from their closets, rattled in Peter Witt's face and flung at him to explain last night when he faced hostile listeners among 1,200 people in a tent at Payne ave. and E. 47th st.

These "ghosts" were the outstanding features of last night's political rallies. Harry Davis told what he would do to save money as mayor—even giving his salary if necessary. Charles P. Salen attacked Witt's record as traction commissioner.

Hecklers Raise "Ghosts."

As Witt paused in his prediction that an avalanche of votes would sweep him into the mayor's chair, two hecklers rose in opposite ends of the tent. The one charged him having once been financially interested in a house used for immoral purposes. And the other accused him of casting mud at the uniform of the United States soldier.

Both thrusts cut into Witt at a vital spot, his face fired with anger and his voice shook as he gesticulated violently.

He shouted his denial that he favored a segregated district in Cleveland and as loudly declared that he believed immoral rooming houses a vice. Then he paused, with vein-strained face, as the heckler persisted in his question whether or not Witt believed that any man "financially interested in a house used for immoral purposes was a good citizen."

Tells of Lease.

Suddenly he poured forth his story of the ghost of 1906 when, he said, he and others had organized the Forest City Investment Company and, during his absence from the city his partners had contracted to lease two properties, one at E. 55th st. and Linwood ave., and the other in Prospect ave. He said he had signed the check, as treasurer, for $325, the first installment of rent on the latter property.

Witt declared that it was in November, 1908, when he was in the midst of a campaign, that he first heard the whisper of suspicion against the Prospect ave. house. He was told, he said, it not only was then being used as a house for immoral purposes, but had been so used for fifteen years.

"We're not the guardians of any people's morals," he said he told his partners, "'but I want the property sold,' and so it was."

When the other heckler struck at him, Witt parried by declaring that the question of whether in Toledo in 1907 he said any man who wore the United States uniform was "a bum" had absolutely nothing to do with the election of mayor in Cleveland.

Calls Regulars Lazy.

"But I did say," he went on, "that I didn't believe in armies, and that the men in the regular army of the United States were the weaklings and lazy ones who were taking the nation's $13 a month because they couldn't stand up under industrial toil."

Quickly Witt hastened to draw the line of demarkation between the regular and the volunteer. And he wound up in a burst of oratory, metaphorically waving the flag and declaring that his "old dad" not only had come "from across the pond" to fight in the Civil war, but "four days before he died he was out chasing a crooked councilman."

At the same meeting on Payne ave. Councilman Reynolds, the chairman, sounded a new and unique keynote when he paraphrased one of the eight beatitudes as an argument for Witt's election.

"Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake," Reynolds shouted; and then, with a dramatic pause, finished, "—for Pete Witt will be the next mayor of Cleveland."

Witt also addressed a tent meeting on E. 38th st., near Central ave. There he predicted the election result thus: Witt, first; Norton, second; Dayis, third; Salen, fourth.

He wound up at Jimmy Dunn's gymnasium, 2900 W. 14th st., where he was introduced in forceful and grotesque language by Johnny Kilbane, champion pugilist. He covered the same old ground, except that he scored Salen as not having been the "father of Sunday baseball," but as the man who "charged 15 cents a head to Brookside park when a game was played—and kept the money."

At the Kilbane meeting County Clerk Haserodt, speaking for Witt, was interrupted by a heckler who described Witt as a "leech on Tom L. Johnson's back," who went into the latter's tax school "and drew a salary illegally."

Salen

SALEN DEMANDING RAILWAY PAY TAX

Candidate, Scoring Witt, Charges Car Company Owes $1,000,000 on Back Levies.

Charles P. Selen told nineteenth ward voters last night that he will force the Cleveland Railway Company to pay its taxes if he is elected mayor.

Salen said that by the first of the year the company will owe $1,000,000 in back taxes. He blamed Peter Witt for having failed to use his influence as street railway commissioner to collect the assessments.

"Instead of forcing the company to pay taxes, which it now owes for 1913 and 1914, Witt has really helped the company to keep this money from the county and the city," Salen said. "When I take the mayor's chair, the company will be operated on a different basis if I have to assume the office of street railway commissioner myself."

Salen said he would try to establish an eight-hour day for railway employees, if elected, and that he would see that Cleveland was given better street car service. The meeting was held at 11026 Cedar ave.

At a meeting in the twenty-second ward at 7311 Wade Park ave., Salen attacked Congressman Robert Crosser.

"Crosser is fighting me and my followers," Salen said. "Yet my campaign is identical to the one he waged last fall against gang rule. Practically every man who backed him last fall is enlisted in this nonpartisan movement. I am surprised that he would cringe to the domination of the organization which he fought."

Salen also spoke to an audience of 350 men at the Hungarian National hall, 8804 Buckeye rd., at Szaba hall, 8637 Buckeye rd., at Koenig's hall, 3704 Superior ave., and at a meeting of the Cleveland Horseshoers' Association at the Pythian temple.

Davis

I'D GIVE SALARY TO SAVE CITY—DAVIS

Says He'd Cut Costs Wherever He Could to Relieve Financial Stringency.

Harry L. Davis last night declared that he was willing to serve as Cleveland's mayor without pay if that was necessary to help wipe out the city's debts.

He made this promise at a tent meeting at Madison ave. and W. 99th st., in answer to a question hurled at him by a heckler as to what he was willing to cut from his own salary in his program of economy. The tent was crowded with West Siders and at least a dozen hecklers were scattered through the crowd.

"In what departments will you reduce the appropriation?" one heckler asked.

"In every department where the money is not being used economically and to the best advantage," Davis hurled back and the crowd applauded.

"How much will you cut the street repair department?" another asked.

Increase Efficiency.

"I could cut it just one-half and get as good results as they are getting now," he said, "but I am not going to cut the appropriation. Instead, I am going to increase the efficiency of the department with the same number of employees and get twice as good results.

"I am not for prohibition, but I am for law and order," he replied to a question on his stand on the liquor question. "As your mayor I will live up to my oath of office and enforce the law."

He referred to Witt's statement at the debate Saturday night that John Stanley and the administration candidate for mayor were "partners."

"Did you appoint a street railway commissioner to be a partner to the street railway company?" he asked.

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CITY MAY GIVE $1,250,000 FOR LAKE FRONTAGE

Cleveland Holds Option on N. Y. C. Submerged Land; Council Quits for Two Weeks to Campaign.

City control of lake frontage between E. 18th st. and E. 26th st. was made possible last night when the city council received an option to buy this submerged land at 50 cents a square foot. The land is held by the New York Central railroad and is valued at $1,250,000.

This proposition and other legislative matters, however, will not be allowed to interfere with the political campaigns of councilmen. The council recessed for two weeks after last night's meeting in order that the next regular meeting Monday would not interfere with pre-election plans.

As evidence that it considers the price of fifty cents a fair one, the railroad, in the option, offers to buy back at this rate land which they propose to trade to the city. This land is between E. 9th st. and E. 18th st., and is offered to the city for its W. 9th st. holdings, in the union passenger station transaction.

Decide at Meeting.

A series of meetings will be held to determine whether the city should exercise the option, if the depot transaction goes through at the November election. The option expires December 1, 1917.

Minority councilmen had come to the meeting primed for a fight against the ordinance giving the Erie railroad switching track rights in Division ave. An effort had been made to pass this legislation upon its first reading a week ago.

Councilman Horrigan, in whose name the ordinance was introduced, declared yesterday he was opposed to it. The legislation was held in committee.

The necessary expenditure to install a white way lighting system along W. 25th st. from the Nickel Plate railroad to Clark ave. was asked in legislation introduced by Councilman Kalina. His ordinance allowing minor repairs to buildings in the outer fire limits was passed.

New Route O. K.'d.

The routing of Superior ave. cars over the new E. 123d st. car line extension to St. Clair ave. was approved by the council. Mayor Baker's veto of legislation restoring three street railway stops was received. Baker claims that passage of the legislation interfered with Street Railway Commissioner Witt's alternate stop policy.

Councilman Foster introduced legislation repealing sections of the sanitary code requiring barns to have sewer connections. Legislation authorizing the issuing of $10,770 worth of notes for the paving of Sykora ave. was introduced.

The department of public service asked for authority to spend $4,256 to remove gas pipes at the Newburg Heights sewage disposal plant site.

SALEN PROMISES TO SPRING "NEW STUFF"

Charlie Salen said Tuesday he would "unmask the waste and abuses of the present city administration" at his tent meeting Tuesday night.

"All my stuff will be brand new," promised Salen, "and it'll be illustrated with stereopticon slides, too. It won't be a fizzle."

"I'm thru with the performer in the sideshow," asserted Pete Witt. "If there's anything worthy of notice in Salen's shots Tuesday night I've got plenty more facts to take the hide off him again."

Salen, Miner Norton and Harry L. Davis all addressed shop meetings Tuesday.

Bettors were still offering odds of 10 to 6 that Witt would win, but there wasn't any Davis money.

Even money was offered that Davis won't poll 32,000 first choice.

Jake Mintz, one of Salen's friends, offered to bet 2 to 1 that Witt wouldn't win on the first ballot.

Say Salen's "Thunder" Spoiled.

Witt's followers said Tuesday Salen's biggest mayoralty "thunder" was spoiled at the Witt tent meeting at Payne-av and E. 47th-st Monday night. Salen denied it was spoiled.

The "thunder," Witt followers say, was being saved for a big explosion in the Salen tent Tuesday night, and Salen had counted on it "winning him 10,000 votes."

It came about when a man shouted this question at Witt:

"Do you favor taxation of church property?"

"That isn't an issue," retorted Witt.

"Do you believe in a segregated district?" continued the questioner.

"I do not," shouted Witt.

"Do you think a man who has been interested in property used for immoral purposes is fit to be mayor?"

"I'll answer that question," replied Witt, "and I'll be glad to do it. They tell me one of the other candidates, who's performing in the sideshow, is going to use that stuff Tuesday night.

"Here are the facts: In 1906, I organized a real estate company of 50 men, who paid $10 a month. In this company were men of all political beliefs.

"When, in 1908, we had about $11,000 in our treasury, we were offered leases on two pieces of property.

"One was located on E. 55th-st and the other in Prospect-av, downtown. When we received the rent from those properties, the checks were made out to me personally.

"Two years later, during a bitter political campaign, a man came to me and said, 'Pete, they are preparing to get you because your real estate company owns a shady house downtown in Prospect-av.'

"I went straight to police headquarters and asked Detective Bill Sadler about the house. He said it had been used as a rooming house for 15 years.

"I told directors of the real estate company, 'Gentlemen, we are not custodians of other folks' morals, but I think we should sell our lease on the Prospect-av house.'

"The directors agreed with me and we did sell it at the very first opportunity."

Wins Favor From Crowd.

Roars of applause greeted Witt as he concluded.

Then another questioner bobbed up:

"Did you, in a speech at Toledo in 1907, call soldiers bums and loafers?"

"I do not believe in standing armies," Pete answered. "I believe they are made up mostly of weaklings who can't stand up in the great army of industry or are too lazy to do so. And that's what I said in Toledo.

"There's a big difference between the regular standing army and the volunteers who step forward to save their country in time of need. My own father fought in the civil war. At seventy-seven, four days before he died, he was chasing a crooked councilman out of town."

Welfare Director Cooley made his first appearance at a Witt tent meeting Monday night.

The crowd at Jimmie Dunn's gym in W. 14th-st, where Johnny Kilbane presided, was so great Witt had to speak out in the open air.

"I thought for a long time Harry Davis was going to run second," said Witt, "but now I see it's Miner Norton."

Salen Monday night held eight meetings.

At one of the meetings, held in Koenig's hall, 3704 Superior-av, Salen came out for Henry Wolkersdorfer, anti-administration council candidate in ward 10.

At a meeting at 11026 Cedar-av Salen encountered his first heckling.

Salen told this audience he would work for a minimum eight-hour day for street railway conductors and motormen.

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Cleveland Holds Option on N. Y. C. Submerged Land; Council Quits for Two Weeks to Campaign.

City control of lake frontage between E. 18th st. and E. 26th st. was made possible last night when the city council received an option to buy this submerged land at 50 cents a square foot. The land is held by the New York Central railroad and is valued at $1,250,000.

This proposition and other legislative matters, however, will not be allowed to interfere with the political campaigns of councilmen. The council recessed for two weeks after last night's meeting in order that the next regular meeting Monday would not interfere with pre-election plans.

As evidence that it considers the price of fifty cents a fair one, the railroad, in the option, offers to buy back at this rate land which they propose to trade to the city. This land is between E. 9th st. and E. 18th st., and is offered to the city for its W. 9th st. holdings, in the union passenger station transaction.

Decide at Meeting.

A series of meetings will be held to determine whether the city should exercise the option, if the depot transaction goes through at the November election. The option expires December 1, 1917.

Minority councilmen had come to the meeting primed for a fight against the ordinance giving the Erie railroad switching track rights in Division ave. An effort had been made to pass this legislation upon its first reading a week ago.

Councilman Horrigan, in whose name the ordinance was introduced, declared yesterday he was opposed to it. The legislation was held in committee.

The necessary expenditure to install a white way lighting system along W. 25th st. from the Nickel Plate railroad to Clark ave. was asked in legislation introduced by Councilman Kalina. His ordinance allowing minor repairs to buildings in the outer fire limits was passed.

New Route O. K.'d.

The routing of Superior ave. cars over the new E. 123d st. car line extension to St. Clair ave. was approved by the council. Mayor Baker's veto of legislation restoring three street railway stops was received. Baker claims that passage of the legislation interfered with Street Railway Commissioner Witt's alternate stop policy.

Councilman Foster introduced legislation repealing sections of the sanitary code requiring barns to have sewer connections. Legislation authorizing the issuing of $10,770 worth of notes for the paving of Sykora ave. was introduced.

The department of public service asked for authority to spend $4,256 to remove gas pipes at the Newburg Heights sewage disposal plant site.

SALEN PROMISES TO SPRING "NEW STUFF"

Charlie Salen said Tuesday he would "unmask the waste and abuses of the present city administration" at his tent meeting Tuesday night.

"All my stuff will be brand new," promised Salen, "and it'll be illustrated with stereopticon slides, too. It won't be a fizzle."

"I'm thru with the performer in the sideshow," asserted Pete Witt. "If there's anything worthy of notice in Salen's shots Tuesday night I've got plenty more facts to take the hide off him again."

Salen, Miner Norton and Harry L. Davis all addressed shop meetings Tuesday.

Bettors were still offering odds of 10 to 6 that Witt would win, but there wasn't any Davis money.

Even money was offered that Davis won't poll 32,000 first choice.

Jake Mintz, one of Salen's friends, offered to bet 2 to 1 that Witt wouldn't win on the first ballot.

Say Salen's "Thunder" Spoiled.

Witt's followers said Tuesday Salen's biggest mayoralty "thunder" was spoiled at the Witt tent meeting at Payne-av and E. 47th-st Monday night. Salen denied it was spoiled.

The "thunder," Witt followers say, was being saved for a big explosion in the Salen tent Tuesday night, and Salen had counted on it "winning him 10,000 votes."

It came about when a man shouted this question at Witt:

"Do you favor taxation of church property?"

"That isn't an issue," retorted Witt.

"Do you believe in a segregated district?" continued the questioner.

"I do not," shouted Witt.

"Do you think a man who has been interested in property used for immoral purposes is fit to be mayor?"

"I'll answer that question," replied Witt, "and I'll be glad to do it. They tell me one of the other candidates, who's performing in the sideshow, is going to use that stuff Tuesday night.

"Here are the facts: In 1906, I organized a real estate company of 50 men, who paid $10 a month. In this company were men of all political beliefs.

"When, in 1908, we had about $11,000 in our treasury, we were offered leases on two pieces of property.

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Wins Favor From Crowd.

Roars of applause greeted Witt as he concluded.

Then another questioner bobbed up:

"Did you, in a speech at Toledo in 1907, call soldiers bums and loafers?"

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"There's a big difference between the regular standing army and the volunteers who step forward to save their country in time of need. My own father fought in the civil war. At seventy-seven, four days before he died, he was chasing a crooked councilman out of town."

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The crowd at Jimmie Dunn's gym in W. 14th-st, where Johnny Kilbane presided, was so great Witt had to speak out in the open air.

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"I've told you," came back Davis. Then he added, "But we're not going to cut. We're going to get twice as much work done for the same money."

"What departments will you cut?" demanded another heckler.

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Denies Baseball Collection.

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In a tent meeting last night at St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 138th-st which had been heralded as the setting for the start of an "expose" that would "shock the town," Charles P. Salen began a recital of accusations against Peter Witt and the administration of Mayor Newton D. Baker which are to form the material for the last week of the Salen campaign.

The tent was crowded to capacity, and that more might enter part of the side canvas was removed. In support of some of his major allegations offered in terms of strenuous condemnation, Mr. Salen showed stereopticon pictures on a screen. His followers yelled with delight when at the end of the session Mr. Salen declared:

"I assure you before another tent meeting at least one candidate will have been eliminated. There will be only two of us in by tomorrow night."

Briefly, the charges, read by Mr. Salen from manuscript, were these:

Says Witt Got Checks in 1914.

That Peter Witt as secretary and treasurer of the Forest City Investment Co. up to late in 1914 received in checks made payable to him personally the rent for a hotel on Prospect-av S. E. utilized as a rooming house of shady reputation, the lease of which he said the company held. Reading newspaper statements of yesterday quoting Mr. Witt as having said in his tent Monday night the company gave up the lease at the first opportunity after he (Witt) discovered the nature of the house in 1910, two years after its acquirement, Mr. Salen had thrown on the screen a facsimile of a check for $25 dated April 1, 1913, made out to Mr. Witt and signed by the woman Mr. Salen said was proprietress of the place.

That the street cleaning department reflects "waste and questionable methods" by the present administration, in that, Mr. Salen asserted, Supt. Gus Hanna organized the Lake City Manufacturing & Supply Co. to sell "flushing machines, Hanna's patent nozzle" and other street cleaning apparatus; that operations of the company were carried on by city employes, working with city teams and on city time.

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That a tramp represented to a wrecking company he owned a brick building and said he wanted it torn down, offering the company the salvage; that the wrecking company asked of the city and received a permit to raze without the city making an investigation; that the building was razed and as a result the city faces a lawsuit.

That the new East End high surface reservoir being constructed by the city in Cleveland Heights could have been made by connecting a natural ravine and a quarry hole on land owned by the city, but that the administration is excavating on bought land; that the operation will cost approximately $1,000,000, and that two-thirds of the amount could have been saved by utilizing the hole "the administration found on its own property."

Mr. Salen showed a stereopticon picture which he said was a flushing machine sold to Cleveland Heights by Gus Hanna and his colleagues. He called "Don't you recognize Gus Hanna's back?" pointing to one of three figures in the picture, when a heckler called "Prove it!" Mr. Salen said the picture also showed the lettering "Cleveland Heights" on the machine.

After showing other pictures illustrating his charge regarding the high surface reservoir and pictures of the demolished building over which he declared the city is being sued, Mr. Salen had the lights turned on again. Then he made the charge against Mr. Witt regarding the rooming house, and turned out the lights once more to show what he said was the 1913 check. He showed a picture of the rooming house and a facsimile of the rules of the establishment, which he said were posted conspicuously in the hotel and clearly indicated its character.

"These are the rules and regulations that Witt never saw, or seeing, did not understand," he declared, referring to the administration candidate's assertion he learned the nature of the establishment two years after the company of which he was treasurer acquired the lease.

"You've got it on him, Charley," cried an enthusiast.

As a climax to the meeting Mr. Salen showed on the screen the facsimile of a three-month note for $10,000 to the National City bank, dated July 16, 1903, and signed by Charles P. Salen and Aaron Schwab.

"That is signed by myself and my father-in-law" said Mr. Salen. "That is the note on which I borrowed the money deposited with the first 3-cent fare bid in Cleveland—" The crowd broke in with loud applause.

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"This is not the end of the thing," he said, in closing the meeting, which had been much longer than the average. "I want you to take these impressions home with you, and spread the gospel. I'll make some very startling disclosures tomorrow night that will explain in part at least some of the things done so mysteriously in Cleveland."

In launching his accusation against Mr. Witt with reference to the rooming house, Mr. Salen asked that parents with children in the crowd take them from the tent.

"I regret taking up a subject of this kind," he said, "but I feel I owe it to the community. I feel the public should understand the character of one of the candidates for mayor, Peter Witt."

After making his charges relative to the street railway commissioner, Mr. Salen said:

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Regarding the street department, Mr. Salen said, "when the public becomes familiar with the conditions that prevail in this department it will realize the utter need of ousting an organization the sole incentive of which seems to be to feather its own nest at the public's expense." He said at the Lakeside-av barn there is an inspector of cleaning and ash collection and an assistant inspector, a master mechanic, two inspectors of whitewings and two assistants, two foremen in charge of flushing machines, two foremen in charge of pick-up gangs, a foreman of market cleaning, twelve assistant foremen, a storekeeper, a helper and a blacksmith.

"The organization system makes it necessary," he said. "The men who can deliver their precincts simply have to be taken care of."

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There also was an interruption of a moment when Mr. Salen said Mayor Newton D. Baker "seemed greatly perturbed by the Salen statement the Democratic organization was dictating federal appointments."

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Mr. Salen went into exhaustive detail on his charges. He cited dates, figures and instances in support of his contention that city time and teams were used in the operations of the company he said Gus Hanna headed. He went into the same detail on his reservoir accusations, declaring the matter called for a thorough investigation, and that such a probe, as well as investigation of other departments would be his first act "as mayor of Cleveland."

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"Witt states that he acquired the lease in 1908, and two years later when informed of the character of the house he induced his company to sell the lease.

"According to his statement, that was in 1910.

"Here is a check issued by the person conducting the hotel."

Salen then ordered the lights dimmed, and flashed what he said was a photographic copy of the check. The check, dated April 1, 1913, was for $125, payable to Witt.

Situation As Salen Sees It.

Salen then showed the reverse side of the check, indorsed by Witt as secretary and treasurer of the Forest City Investment Co.

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Salen charged white wings were forced to buy tickets for the Street Cleaners' benevolent association balls and outings. Hanna organized the association. Salen said team owners who had Hanna's favor were not benefited by it.

"A tramp got a permit to tear down a building he didn't own," said Salen, "sold the permit to a wrecking company, and a $7500 building was torn down without the real owner's knowledge or consent."

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Witt had the following to say Wednesday about the statements Salen made about him and his real estate company Tuesday night.

"In 1906, in order to demonstrate the power of co-operation, I organized the Forest City Investment Co., comprised of 50 stockholders, who agreed to pay $10 a month, with the understanding that the money was to be invested in the buying and leasing of real estate.

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"The lease was for 95 years. The rental was $6000 a year plus taxes. These two items exceeded the rent we received.

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"'The company in which you are interested owns a lease of some property on Prospect-av, part of which is used for hotel purposes.'

"'Well, what of that?' I replied.

"He then said that the house was used for rooming purposes. I immediately proceeded to the police department. On the way there, I met William Sadler, a city detective.

Calls Directors, Urges Place Be Sold.

"I told him what I had heard and asked him to give me the particulars. He said: 'The hotel has been used for rooming purposes for 15 years.' I immediately called a meeting of the directors of the Forest City Investment Co.

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Salen Wednesday promised "further and even more startling disclosures that would mean there will be one less candidate after Wednesday night."

Before Charlie started his attack on Witt's so-called connection with the Prospect-av rooming house Tuesday night, he requested children be taken out of the tent. Many women remained.

Hecklers bothered Salen.

"Do you favor a segregated district?" shouted one man.

Salen made no reply.

"You are a regular 'hawkshaw'," came another shout.

"Now, show us our 'Monte Carlo,' Charlie," cried a voice.

Eddie Clifford, former proprietor of the College Inn, who is said to have aided Salen in his campaign, occupied a seat near the platform.

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"I'm proud of the title, 'sport.' I feel that I earned it because of my efforts for Sunday baseball."

Virgil Marani preceded Salen. Marani again rapped The Press. He asserted he had been misquoted.

"It's time that The Press ceased to make and unmake our mayors," he shouted. "Newton D. Baker is Witt's little sister."

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Miner G. Norton, at three meetings Tuesday night, hammered away at Pete Witt.

Other speakers at the Norton meetings insisted that "the mayoralty race now lies between Witt and Norton."

At 3123 Scranton-rd, in the seventh ward, Norton read from one of Witt's campaign booklets this extract:

"The last 130 street cars purchased by the Concon were designed and patented by Tractioner Witt."

"As a patent attorney," Norton said, "I know that the patentee is entitled to royalties on the sale of those cars.

"I'd like to know whether such royalties are being paid, and if they aren't now, whether they'll be paid after Pete goes out of office on Jan. 1."

Norton also revived Councilman FitzGerald's charge that W. I. Thompson & Son, contractors, have been favored in the awarding of Concon contracts.

In the twenty-third ward, at 6021 St. Clair-av, Norton criticised Witt for permitting the Concon to buy steel rails last summer manufactured in Canada.

At E. 105th-st and Superior-av, in the twenty-fifth ward, Norton said the county has bankrupted itself by building roads and bridges to help the city.

'GO HIRE A HALL,' DAVIS TELLS 'EM

Candidate Heckled at His Tent Meetings.

A man who remained after the crowd had left Harry L. Davis' tent meeting at Cedar-av and E. 55th-st Tuesday night approached the platform where the mayoralty candidate was hand-shaking a few stragglers, and started to ask a question.

"Go hire a tent!" Davis told him.

But while the crowd was there Davis replied to several hecklers.

Davis was attacking Peter Witt's work as tractioner when one heckler shouted:

"What did Gerry Dahl do?"

"Dahl kept the fare to 3 cents; you're paying 4," Davis answered.

"We have good car service in Cleveland, haven't we?" demanded another questioner.

"I should say we have not!" was Davis' reply.

"Why don't you go to some other town and compare the service?" the heckler insisted. Davis ignored this.

Likes Three-Cent Fare.

"Do you believe in three-cent fare?" came another question.

"You bet I do, and we'll have it if I'm elected," said Davis.

Davis called Witt a "partner" of John Stanley, Concon president, and asserted that if elected he would appoint a tractioner who would not be so friendly with Stanley.

Davis attacked Witt's plan to extend the muny light system, if necessary, to force universal 3-cent light, stating "this city is bonded heavily enough."

"If I'm elected I'll insist that the public utilities commission force the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to furnish light at what the muny light department shows to be a fair rate," Davis added.

"That's the right way to get cheap light for all the people."

City Already Busy.

Davis then acknowledged that the city already has made such an appeal to the utilities commission, and that state appraisers are now taking an inventory of the company's property.

"But I'd hurry the thing up more," said Davis.

"I want to see vacant corner lots made into flower gardens—beauty spots," Davis began in conclusion. "Beautiful play spots, where children may be taken for a breath of fresh air."

Someone gave a long, low whistle, a titter ran thru the crowd, and the meeting quickly ended.

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Witt asked his hearers at the Kinsman-rd tent to vote for the bond issue to eliminate grade crossings in that section, saying that when the crossing just south of Woodland-av at E. 79th-st was eliminated there would be one continuous E. 79th-st line from Kinsman-rd to the lake. A "dinky" now plies from Kinsman to Woodland-av because of the crossings.

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"Witt called me names last night when he was among his own people that he didn't dare mention last Saturday night at Grays' armory," Davis declared. "A man who is afraid to say to another man's face what he will say when his back is turned is a coward. I don't believe in personalities and I will not indulge in them."

Davis was not hampered by questioners and went through with his entire speech without interruption. He devoted some time to answering a pamphlet issued by the administration and signed by a former employee of the city, H. W. Sisson. The pamphlet attacked Davis' administration of the office of city treasurer.

"The charge that I employed incompetent men and allowed them to 'milk the public treasury' is an absolute falsehood," he said. "The report of the state auditor at the time stated that the affairs of the office were conducted in a businesslike way and efficiently."

Davis also spoke at the Bohemian Independent Club, E. 131st st. and Union ave.; the Citizens' Cosmopolitan Club, Woodland ave. and E. 22d st.; Mulaski's hall, Ontario st. and Central ave., and Royal hall, 5217 Woodland ave.

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Attacks Salen Supporters.

"The sport performs in the sideshow. God knows what he wants to do. A man must be judged by the company he keeps. One of his close associates in this campaign served time in the penitentiary for burglary, another is just back after a term for blackmail. One of his close advisers has been in the Ohio penitentiary for robbery. Those are the kind of men he has around him."

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Says Davis Feared Debate.

Witt said that Harry L. Davis' campaign managers had forced Davis into the recent debate at the Grays' armory. "Davis did not know what he was talking about," said Witt. "At the debate he read a speech written by a boy named Pierre White. It only took him three minutes to run out of something to say when he had to stand on his own feet during the fifteen minutes of rebuttal."

Witt declared that Samuel Scovil, president of the Illuminating company, realized that he would have to do business with Witt after January 1. He related a conversation which he said had taken place between Scovil and himself recently.

"Scovil said, 'Pete, you are the man we will do business with after January 1. Don't make any statements during the campaign that it will be hard for you to back down from later.'

Woodshed for Scovil.

"I said, 'Sam, you will have to sell light and power for the same price that the city does.' Sam said nothing, but he left. He knows that on March 1 he will have to come to the mayor's office. I will take him into the woodshed and give him what is coming to him. The price of light will be three cents."

Witt repeated his promise that if elected mayor he would force the two telephone companies here to consolidate. He intimated that it might be necessary for the city to acquire the properties of the companies in order to bring this about.

Wit yesterday gave this statement on the lease to the Cleveland Press:

"In 1906 I organized the Forest City Investment Company, comprised of fifty stockholders, who agreed to pay ten dollars a month, with the understanding that the money was to be invested in the buying and leasing of real estate.

"In November of 1907, during my absence from the city, the firm of Goakes & Dettelbach submitted to the board of directors two leasing propositions, one a piece of vacant land at the corner of E. 55th st. and Linwood ave., which was improved by the erection of a building, the other, fifty feet on Prospect ave., occupied by a typewriter company, a restaurant company and a hotel.

"The lease was for ninety-five years. The rental was $6,000 a year plus taxes. These two items exceeded the rent we received.

"During a bitter political struggle a friend came to me and said, 'Pete, they've got you.' To which I replied, 'Got me? For what?'

"The company in which you are interested owns a lease of some property on Prospect ave., part of which is used for hotel purposes.'

"He then said that the house was used for rooming purposes. I immediately proceeded to the police department. On the way there I met William Sadler, a city detective.

"He said: 'The hotel has been used for rooming purposes for fifteen years.' I immediately called a meeting of the directors of the Forest City Investment Company.

"To them I said, 'We have a lease on Prospect ave. which is losing money each year, but it has a future. But my desire is that we get rid of it.' I told the members of the board what I had heard. They agreed with me to sell it. The property was placed upon the market and sixteen months ago was sold.

"Not being a 'sport' or a 'rounder,' I had no knowledge of the place, and have none to this day except what others say, among them Mr. Salen, who knows of its location, the number of rooms and all particulars."

Norton

NEW RESERVOIR MENACE—NORTON

Says Flood Is Certain Sooner or Later—Attacks Witt's Record.

The new Baldwin reservoir should have been built in a different location, Miner G. Norton declared last night when he addressed twenty-second ward voters at 1467 Addison rd. Norton predicted that because of its high location the reservoir would break within a short number of years and flood the eastern part of the city.

"That reservoir is an absolute menace," Norton declared. "While I do not claim there are any defects in its construction, I do believe that in a few years the reservoir will break. Then Dayton's flood will be equalled here through the folly of the present administration in placing a reservoir upon the heights."

Norton, in addressing a meeting at the Twentieth Ward Republican Club's wigwam, E. 88th pl., declared that Peter Witt, if elected mayor, would attempt to take as much power as he could from the councilmen. Witt, he said, a few days ago made the statement that the council should be deprived of all control over street railway matters and that this power should be vested in the street railway commissioner.

Harry L. Davis, who also was invited to speak before the club, failed to appear. Owen Evans, president of the twentieth ward organization, in introducing Norton, declared that the latter was "one of the greatest organizers in the country."

At a meeting of twelfth ward followers in Baumoel's hall, 3210 Woodland ave., Norton said that sixty-eight miles of street car tracks which have been constructed since Witt became traction commissioner cost more than 277 miles of tracks constructed before that time.

After leaving the hall Norton walked across the street to the Salen tent meeting and heard Salen's opening arguments.

Norton again flayed the Baker administration when he talked before the Western Reserve Club, 2164 E. 55th st. He said that Baker's own statement to the effect that the city was running $400,000 behind in operating expenses annually should defeat Peter Witt, Baker's candidate.

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WITT CRIES PUBLIC HERE NEED PAY NO ROYALTIES ON CARS

Explains He Will Make Other Cities Stand Patent Cost on His Latest Style Railway Vehicles.

Candidate Declares He Ordered Rooming House Sold in 1909 on Learning Nature of Place.

TELLS OF WARNING TO SCOVIL ON LIGHT RATE

Maintains Opponents Offer Only Second-Hand Criticisms.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

"One week from tonight, those of us on the winning side will be in one frame of mind, those on the other side will be in another. Those on my side will be in the majority."

With but three nights of stumping remaining and the campaign sweeping toward its close, that was the confident note struck by Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor, in both his tent meetings last night.

Mr. Witt last evening carried a point further his proposal to force either consolidation or interchange of service of the telephone companies, declaring the people of Cleveland will have one service if it is necessary to embark on municipal ownership.

He smashed over an answer, received with loud applause, to the query raised in Miner G. Norton meetings as to royalties on the front-entrance, center-exit cars invented by Mr. Witt.

Makes Pledge to People.

The commissioner asserted he had applied for a patent and that if he obtained it he would collect royalties elsewhere should the car be adopted in other cities, but promised emphatically "not one cent will the people of Cleveland ever pay Peter Witt for the use f that car!"

He made this pledge in both meetings, one at Buckeye-rd S. E. and E. 99th-st, the other at Harvard-av S. E. and E. 91st-st, at both of which Mayor Newton D. Baker also was a speaker.

Prior to last night's meetings Mr. Witt had discussed the connection of the Forest City Investment Co., of which he was treasurer, with a rooming house on Prospect-av S. E. He paid no attention in his meetings last night to the subject of Charles P. Salen's statements.

Mr. Witt first spoke of the establishment Monday night in a tent when a questioner asked him about it, explaining his insistence on its being disposed of when he discovered the nature of the property was the cause of the lease being sold by the company.

Then Tuesday night Candidate Salen, in his loudly heralded "expose," told of the company's leasing of the house and showed on the stereopticon screen a facsimile of a check for rent paid to Mr. Witt as treasurer of the investment company in 1913.

"The Forest City Investment Co. was organized in 1906," Mr. Witt said yesterday. "In November, 1908, in my absence from the city the board of directors of the company leased two properties, one of them the hotel on Prospect-av. In the bitter political struggle of the fall of 1909, a friend came to me and said, 'Pete, they've got you.' I asked him what he meant.

"He told me the use to which the hotel on Prospect-av was being put, and said my enemies were going after me on it. I started to police headquarters to learn the truth about it, but on the way I met Bill Sadler, a detective. He told me the place had been used as a rooming house for fifteen years.

"I called the directors together, and said, 'Gentlemen, we must get rid of that property.' At that time our outgo on the proposition was more than our income. Had we wanted to commercialize the situation, we could have increased the rent. But I said there was but one thing to do—get rid of it. We put it on the market at once.

"Half a dozen real estate men had it in their hands. Finally, in July, 1914, we had an offer, and negotiations were consummated in September. The lease was disposed of then.

"The people who took it over paid only $5,000 down and put up the lease as security for the balance. The balance wasn't settled up until a month ago. The lease actually was disposed of, however, just as I said."

Mr. Witt had one or two remarks for his opponents in his tent meetings last evening, but gave most of his time to discussion of the taxation, telephone and paving planks of his platform and to discussion of his record as street railway commissioner.

"This campaign hasn't been as good as I thought it would be," he said at Buckeye-rd and E. 99th-st. "I thought there would be some clarifying of the situation, but instead of having one real good man to fight, I've had three poor ones. There's a boy who never can learn, an old man past learning, and a sport. The other side doesn't present anything constructive. Even its criticisms are second hand and second rate."

"And the sport," he said, "God knows what he wants!"

Regarding his design of street car, Mr. Witt said:

"I designed it, and the Cleveland Railway Co. nor you will ever pay one cent of royalty. After it was placed on wheels a man in Pittsburg applied for a patent and got it. If anyone is entitled to a patent it is Pete Witt, and I applied for it and am going to fight for it. I'm going to collect royalties all over the United States, but the people of Cleveland will never pay one cent for its use."

Discussing his proposal to force the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to reduce its rates to 3 cents by March 1 or face extension of the municipal plant to handle all the business, Mr. Witt said he recently had a talk with President Samuel Scovil of the Illuminating company.

"He was on the elevator with me," said Mr. Witt. "He said, 'Pete, I want to see you.' I said, 'Sam, come into my office.' In my office he said, 'Pete, you're the man I'll have to deal with after Jan. 1.' I said, 'Sam, you're a good guesser.' He told me not to make any campaign statements it would be hard to take back. I told him I wasn't making any such statements. I said, 'Sam, I'm going to be mayor. You'll continue to boss the Illuminating company and I'm going to drive the bargain.'

On Harvard-av S. E. Mr. Witt said it had been one man against the crowd, "Pete Witt against the field." He said should Mr. Davis be elected mayor, the real mayor would be "Maurice Maschke of Lakewood, George Harris of East Cleveland and George Myers of Cleveland Heights."

It was here he declared for municipal ownership if necessary to assure one telephone service. Here also he told the crowd why he wanted to be mayor, for the power it would give in "the fight to bring about the good days in my time," for the sake of being mayor of 700,000 people "that when I speak I may be heard, to change the man-made laws and give an equal chance to all."

LIQUOR BOARD RUN BY CITY HALL GANG

—CHARLES P. SALEN.

Accusation is Made in Second Attack by Candidate on Peter Witt.

Asked What His County Clerk Fees Were, Says 'That's My Business.'

Declaring the operation of the board of liquor license commissioners as the best instance demonstrating "the abuse of public office for mercenary purposes by the organization known as the city hall gang and as evidence of the crying need of driving this gang out of power," Candidate Charles P. Salen last night, in a tent at Woodland-av S. E. and E. 33d-st, made his second bitter attack of the week on Peter Witt and the men supporting him.

A large crowd flocked to the tent. Scores of hecklers, too, were present and bobbed up continually.

Mr. Salen, who came late, apparently had been "tipped off" to the presence of these hecklers and in his introduction warned that he would answer no questions until he had concluded his speech.

Still they persisted until the police escorted a half dozen from the tent, one, in the fourth row, at Mr. Salen's request.

In discussing the liquor license commission, Mr. Salen said former Gov. James M. Cox appointed E. W. Horn and John Krause to the board "on recommendation of the city hall gang, largely on the behest of W. B. Gongwer and T. L. McDonough. Of Mr. Gongwer he said, "Although placed in an office which is supposed to eliminate the holder from active politics, Gongwer still is striving to retain his position as boss of the organization."

"What's that got to do with the mayoralty campaign?" shouted a spectator.

"A great deal," replied Mr. Salen. "The man who is back of this organization is the boss who is back of Peter Witt in this campaign."

"No sooner had the commission been appointed," continued Mr. Salen "than word was passed out that any saloonkeeper wanting a license must get it through the recommendation of Gongwer or McDonough, especially the former. The average saloonkeeper became nervous and there was all sorts of wire pulling. The campaign of Newton Baker for re-election as mayor was on. Every applicant was advised by Gongwer to get out and hustle and, if he showed good results, he would be secure in obtaining a license.

"In the granting of licenses the enemies of the organization were punished and its friends rewarded, and the list O. K.'d by Gongwer and McDonough was adopted by the commission."

After stating licenses had been removed from politics this year through an order that they be made public before election day, Mr. Salen said:

"The domination of Gongwer over the commissioners is, however, just as absolute as ever. The new list was announced last Saturday. Nearly all of the afternoon of Friday, the day before, Krause and Horn were closeted with Gongwer in the office of collector of customs and at this session Gongwer dictated exactly to whom the licenses should be issued. Krause and Horn did not leave Gongwer's office until 4:10 p. m., after which Gongwer announced to callers that the entire list had been agreed upon."

Mr. Salen then recalled the presentation to Mr. Gongwer of a Velie automobile by the local manager of that company, following newspaper articles against the use of city owned autos by election board members. He charged that Mr. Gongwer had thereupon interested himself in promoting the sales of this company and that he had brought improper influence to bear through liquor license commissioners upon saloonkeepers who were contemplating the purchase of automobiles. He charged that the board members, on Mr. Gongwer's solicitation went so far as to call on saloonkeepers in the interest of this make of automobile, though he admitted no attempts at coercion were ever made by the board.

Again attacking the commissioners, Mr. Salen said:

"It is generally known that the commissioners dictate the make of beer which each saloonkeeper may sell when the license is issued to him. This has resulted in the elimination of competition in the beer business, and the saloonkeeper is at the mercy of the brewer with whom he is required to deal."

He promised further "exposures" of this commission before the week is out and many more stories concerning city hall employes and Mr. Witt, saying he will keep up this campaign until election day.

At the conclusion of his remarks on the license commission, Mr. Salen went over the ground covered Tuesday night, including his story of a hotel on Prospect-av S. E.

In discussing the hotel, Mr. Salen drew from his pocket a yellow slip of paper which he said was a check dated Oct. 28, 1914, made out to Peter Witt by a woman in payment of rent for the hotel.

"He lied yesterday, he lied today and before the week is over I think I'll be able to show you his company still owns the lease."

Mr. Salen, accompanied by Mrs. Salen, arrived at the tent about 9 p. m. Applause greeted him and he was accompanied to the platform by Willie Weinzimmer, 7, and his sister, Florence, 4, children of Harry Weinzimmer, 4961 Outhwaite-av S. E. The children bore a bouquet of chrysanthemums to present to the candidate and with it a note. Mr. Salen accepted the flowers, kissed the little girl, and read the note, which thanked him for what he had done for the children of Cleveland. Then he handed the bouquet to Mrs. Salen. This was the second night Mr. Salen received flowers from children.

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Salen invited questions.

A dozen questioners got up, notwithstanding cries of "Sit down. Shut up! Throw him out! Die, die!"

A circular was handed him charging that he said "Every huckster ought to pay $50 a year."

"It's a lie," he said.

"Did you get approximately $150,000 in fees when you were county clerk?" one questioner asked.

"No."

"How much did you get?"

"That's my business."

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NORTON SAYS DAVIS' PANACEA 'HUMBUG'

Ridicules Rival's Proposal to Unite County and City to Prevent Deficits.

Says Administration Abolished Commission to Rob Sinking Fund.

Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, in speeches last night characterized as "humbug" the proposal of his Republican opponent, Harry L. Davis, to join county and city as a remedy for straitened financial circumstances of Cleveland.

Speaking before 200 at the Western Reserve club, E. 55th-st and Cedar-av S. E., Mr. Norton applied the same adjective to Peter Witt's plea to elect him mayor so he can go to the legislature and demand tax reform.

Mr. Norton gave a history of the city's financial condition, going back several years and describing the bonded indebtedness of the city as "$77 for every man, woman and child."

"Why, interest alone on the debt is $2 per capita," said Mr. Norton. "And $8,000,000 has been added to the city's bonded debt of $54,000,000 in a little more than a year.

"Time was when the water department was sacred; when that department paid for itself because water rents went directly into its fund. And yet the condition of that department is now so deplorable that on April 1, 1915, when a debt of approximately $187,000 fell due there was no money in the department's treasury to pay it.

"Those people in the city hall abolished the sinking fund commission when they first began to run short of money, so they could put their own men in control and rob that fund. Then they wrote into the charter a clause giving council the power to rob any department fund to pay the debts of another. When that began to fail them in the matter of providing ready money, and they found themselves unable to pay interest on bonds, the bonds were refunded. The city has almost discontinued taking up bonds when they mature. Refunding them is easier.

"And now Mr. Davis wants to take the county in and make the county pay to run the city. He forgets the county has been paving the city's streets and building its bridges to the extent of millions of dollars."

Cheers followed Mr. Norton's prediction he will be elected.

Attacking Mr. Witt's administration as street railway commissioner at a meeting in the Twentieth Ward Republican club, E. 88th-st, near Hough-av N. E., Mr. Norton quoted figures in an attempt to prove that the cost of sixty-eight miles of railroad built by Mr. Witt represents money enough to build 277 miles. An increase of approximately $16,000,000 in the appraised valuation of the Cleveland Railway Co. since Mr. Witt took office showed this, Mr. Norton contended.

In his last meeting at the Twenty-second Ward Norton club, 1467 Addison-rd N. E., the candidate assailed the administration for building the Cleveland Heights reservoir on high ground. If the reservoir ever breaks it will flood the entire East Side residential district, he declared.

At this meeting Mr. Norton was greeted by Scotch bagpipes.

Leaving a meeting in a hall at 3210 Woodland-av S. E., Mr. Norton found the Salen tent directly opposite. He listened to Candidate Charles P. Salen for several minutes from a place on the outskirts of the crowd.

"Charley is entertaining, at least," he said.

DAVIS DEFENDS HIS TREASURER RECORD

Candidate Cries 'Lies, Falsehoods,' in Talking of Anti Pamphlet.

Reiterates Charges City Administration Wastes Money.

"Nothing but lies and falsehoods" was the way Mayoralty Candidate Harry L. Davis last night described criticisms of his city treasurership, which he read from a pamphlet he said had been issued in Peter Witt's behalf.

Mr. Davis defended his record as city treasurer at his tent meeting in Fairview park, W. 38th-st and Franklin-av N. W.

He did not allude to Candidate Charles P. Salen's Tuesday night "expose," but W. J. Hart, candidate for council in the eighth ward, and the opening speaker declared "there will be nothing said or thrown on a screen at this meeting that will injure the sensibilities of any of the ladies or gentlemen present."

Answering the pamphlet's charge that he had employed incompetent help while city treasurer, Mr. Davis said both the state auditor and the Russell Sage foundation had "complimented us on the way we ran our office."

"I don't want to exchange personalities," said Mr. Davis, "but when a candidate for mayor permits the circulation of the sort of stuff that is in that pamphlet, I say he should be defeated no matter who he is. Mr. Witt didn't dare say those things in our debate at the Grays armory, but he calls names when he gets away with his own gang."

While making his customary charges that the city administration continually wastes money Mr. Davis said:

"I read in the papers the other day that in Birmingham, Ala., the heads of the several city departments are penalized if they spend more money than is appropriated for their departments.

"If that was done in Cleveland every city official would be serving time at the workhouse."

This got a laugh.

Mr. Davis visited a half dozen meetings. Other speakers at the tent were Lamar T. Beeman and Attorney Pierre White.

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RECORD SET BY HECKLERS IN CAMPAIGN

As Candidates Speak Audiences Pour in Hot Shots Until Tents Become Uproars of Confusion.

Never in the history of Cleveland's municipal campaigns have hecklers been so persistent as in the present one.

Meetings have become storm points in which speakers and listeners indulge in sharp, impromptu debates across the footlights.

Witt, Davis, Salen, and Norton to a lesser degree, have been targets of quips and queries in rapid-fire order.

The Salen tent meeting, Woodland-av and E. 33d-st, Wednesday were uproariously noisy almost from its outset.

One man became so insistent that Charlie asked police to eject him. Police complied.

Charlie's "new stuff" included a vigorous dispute of Pete's claim that Witt, after learning the reputation of the place, forced stockholders to sell it 16 months ago. He also made a bitter criticism of the county liquor license board.

Calls Pete a Liar.

"Witt's a liar when he says he sold the lease of the hotel 16 months ago," shouted Salen. "He lied yesterday and he lied today.

"Before the week's over, I'll show Witt's company still owns the lease. I have a check in my pocket showing the lease was held by his company a year ago.

"In October, 1914 the Leader Restaurant Co. reassigned the lease to Witt's company to cover a $5000 note. Two weeks ago Pete got a tip my expose was coming and again had the lease assigned to the restaurant company.

"After election, when Pete's retired to private life, he'll take up the lease again.

"Witt's been unmasked. Surely you can't elect him mayor after this expose."

"How do you know so much about the rules of that hotel?" someone called.

Salen exhibited what he said was a check showing that Witt had received rental from the house.

"How much did you pay for that canceled check?" a heckler cried.

"Didn't you, as head of the public works, buy all horses for the fire department from your father-in-law, Aaron Schwab?" someone asked.

"A lie," said Salen.

Salen was handed a handbill charging that Salen had attempted to attach a $50 license fee upon hucksters.

"Answer it!" came a shout from the audience.

"That is anonymously circulated and I refuse to answer it until the man who published it comes forward to put the question," said Salen.

Salen's tent was filled with men and women. When Charlie arrived Florence Weinzimmer, four, 4961 Outhwaite-av, and her brother, William, seven, gave Salen a bouquet. Salen kissed the girl.

Hecklers Make It Lively.

The heckling began as soon as Virgil Marani, first speaker, started.

"Witt's a liar," began Marani.

"Prove it," yelled a voice.

"Hurrah for Witt," called another.

Eddie Clifford, former owner of the College inn, Salen supporter, was in the tent.

"What's the matter with the College inn?" a man asked.

"It's all right," replied Marani.

There was a laugh.

"H-m, I know nothing about the College inn," added Marani when the laughter stopped. "I don't know where it is."

"Machine politics spoiled the administration of Mayor Baehr," continued Marani. "I know, because I was a member of it—and I'm sorry I was."

"Herman's sorry, too," someone shouted.

"Charlie Salen had the keep-off-the-grass signs removed from public parks," said Marani.

"Prove it," said the same voice.

Three Hecklers a Minute.

Clarence L. Jones, another Salen speaker, then began.

Then a heckler asked Jones to recognize him.

"If you want to take the stand I'll be damn glad to let you," Jones told the man.

Salen started by saying he was going to "show up" the county

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liquor license board.

"What's that got to do with the mayoralty campaign?" yelled a man. After this Charlie, was heckled about three times to the minute.

"A great deal," replied Salen, when order was restored. "The machine which is backing Witt is controlled by Burr Gongwer, federal customs collector.

"Gongwer dictated the appointments on the liquor license board and controls it."

"And how is Gov. Willis, Charlie?" interrupted a heckler.

"Gus Hanna got the best ball players in town and put them on the payroll of the street cleaning department," resumed Salen.

"Why not?" from another heckler. There was a laugh.

James Sheehan, attacked Tuesday night by Salen, at this point demanded to be heard, and disputed Salen's charge that Sheehan lived in Cleveland Heights and had a team working for the city.

Salen asked parents with children to leave the tent, saying he wished to discuss the Prospect-av rooming house.

Charlie Ignores Questions.

"Will you open the segregated district when you're elected?" was one question fired at Salen. Charlie didn't answer.

Salen then picked up his notes.

"That's right, take another shot in the arm," shouted a voice.

"The type of 'sport' The Press and Witt has conferred on me belongs on the other fellow," resumed Salen.

"How long have you been nonpartisan?" was the next question fired at Salen. Again he didn't reply.

Salen called for the stereopticon and showed a house which Salen said had been torn down without the owner's consent and for which the city now is being sued.

"Wasn't that picture taken in France?" demanded a man.

Salen then had a picture of the Prospect-av rooming house thrown on the screen.

"Did you pitch the first ball at the opening of Sunday baseball in Cleveland?" asked another heckler. Salen said no.

A young man arose from his seat near the platform.

"My name's Cook," he explained. "I'm working for the drys and I'd like to know how you feel about the dry question." Charlie referred him to Salen's "contract with the people."

"Lay down and die," shouted a Salen supporter. "Say, Charlie, shall I throw him out?"

Salen denied giving his father-in-law a contract for horses for the fire department.

"TO RIDE WITH WINNER, VOTE FOR ME"--WITT

"I'll be Your Next Mayor on First Choice Votes," He Tells Crowd.

MEETING PLEASES FRIENDS

Pete Calls His Opponents "Boy, an Old Man and a Sport."

Pete Witt's followers Thursday were delighted with the big reception Pete got Wednesday night from Harry L. Davis' neighbors.

One of the two democratic tents was pitched at Harvard-av and E. 91st-st, just a few blocks from where Davis lives. It was packed by a throng that cheered Witt wildly.

"If you want to ride with the winner," Witt told his audience in the tent at Buckeye-rd and E. 93d-st, "you'd better vote for Pete Witt, for as sure as he is standing before you, he will be your next mayor on first choice votes."

"I haven't had as good a time in this campaign as I expected," added Witt. "Instead of having one good man to fight, I've had three poor ones.

Witt's Idea of Salen.

"All that I have had to oppose me in this campaign is a boy who never could learn; an old man too old to learn; and a sport, who'd cheat himself at solitaire and who could hide behind a corkscrew.

"The boy, Davis, was pushed into debate with me last Saturday night. His managers wrote a speech for him that he read, and when, in rebuttal, he had to stand on his own feet, he couldn't talk longer than three minutes.

"The old man lives in the past and can't forget the days when Cleveland was a village. The sport, self-styled, who's performing in the sideshow, never did anything bigger than run a peanut stand.

"Norton says I'm going to collect royalties because I'm seeking a patent on the car of my own design, the car with a front entrance and center exit.

"Yes, I'm going to collect royalties on that car from all over the United States, but the car riders of Cleveland never will have to pay any royalties on it to me.

"We are demonstrating the success of three-cent light here to everyone except Davis, Norton and the 'sport.' They object to the city selling cheap power in the day, not knowing that that is the way to get cheap light at night.

"When I'm mayor, Sam Scovil of the Illuminating Co. is going to be taken into the woodshed and told to reduce the price of light."

Wants Election to Honor Wife.

"I don't want this job of mayor for honor, unless it be for the honor of my wife, who's made me all that I am, or to leave as a legacy to my daughters the fact that their father rose from molder to mayor.

"I do want to be mayor for the power it will give me to help bring about the day of equal opportunity for all and the other things for which I've been battling 30 years."

At one of his meetings, Witt intimated he would ask muny ownership of telephones, unless the companies agreed to consolidate or exchange service.

Tom Coughlin, who spoke at the Harvard-av tent, said he was sure the voters would be able to discriminate between "Pete Witt with his constructive policies and the other candidates, a slanderer, a novice and a has been."

Witt indorsed Bill Thompson for councilman at the Harvard-av tent, saying, "I have no councilmanic slate, but if I had a vote here, I'd vote for Bill Thompson, whose stood loyally and faithfully by me in the development of my office."

'SUCKERS,' DAVIS CALLS HEARERS

Reiterates Charge That Witt is Coward for Abuse.

Harry Davis called Pete Witt a "coward" Thursday.

At his tent meeting, Franklin-av and W. 38th-st, Wednesday night, Davis tore into Witt because of a pamphlet attacking Davis' record as city treasurer. The pamphlet is signed by the voters' good improvement club, H. W. Sisson, president. Sisson is a lawyer.

Witt said Thursday he knew nothing about the pamphlet, tho Davis held Witt responsible for it Wednesday night.

"Sisson's folder," began Davis, reading from it, "says that while city treasurer I 'allowed at least one person to milk the public treasury' and that I 'employed incompetent help.'

"These statements are lies. Sisson was a city employe for a while and he used to be a heckler for the democrats.

"I say a man who'll say something behind your back that he wouldn't say to your face is a coward," Davis shouted. "Peter Witt didn't dare make these charges at our debate last week."

"Did you mean you think Peter Witt is a coward?" Davis was asked Thursday.

"Absolutely," said Davis.

Later in the evening Davis called the men who gathered to hear him speak at Royal hall, 5217 Woodland-av, "suckers."

"I want to be elected mayor so I can come back here in two years and look every one of you suckers in the eye and have you say that I've been the kind of a mayor you wanted me to be," he said.

NORTON WANTS TO SEE 'CIRCUS'

Eager to Take in Show, But Couldn't.

Miner G. Norton halted his own speaking tour Wednesday night and listened for 15 minutes outside the tent where Charlie Salen was giving a combination picture show and political talk.

"It's a fine circus," said Norton. "I'd rather stay and listen than go on with my own meetings.

"Fortunately, the votes don't follow the biggest noise."

Because the Salen tent was just across the street, Norton found a very small crowd at Baumoel's hall, 3210 Woodland-av, where he spoke in favor of the Cleveland & Youngstown and union depot ordinances.

"The Baldwin reservoir on Cleveland Heights not only was extravagantly built," Norton told the twenty-second ward Norton club, 1467 Addison-rd. "It was so located by the city administration that it is a menace to half the city. If it ever breaks it will cause a terrible flood."

A bagpiper met Norton outside the club and with his music helped collect a crowd.

Owen Evans, chairman of the twentieth ward republican club, introduced Norton at a meeting in E. 88th-pl, and rapped candidate Davis for not accepting the club's invitation to attend.

"We wanted both candidates to have a chance to speak," Evans said. "Norton was the only one who cared enough for our invitation to accept."

"Pete Witt's own statement of his management of the Concon brands him a failure," Norton charged.

Before the Western Reserve club, E. 55th-pl, Norton criticised the city administration's alleged extravagance.

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NOT SURE WITT WON'T CHARGE ROYALTY HERE

Opposition Asks Why He Forces Use of "Pete's Pet" in Cleveland.

Indications Thursday were that Tractioner Witt will be kept busy through the rest of the campaign explaining a half dozen moot questions or will wind up his fight without hitting back at those who have applied "the shorter and uglier" word to him.

One of the things Witt will be called upon to make clear is the discrepancy in his printed literature and his latest speech in regard to the patenting of the "Pete's Pet" type of front-entrance, side-exit cars used on crosstown lines. In a pamphlet circulated by the Democratic organization, entitled "What Tractioner Witt Has Done," is the assertion that he "designed a new front-entrance, center-exit motor car of which he is the patentee."

Who's Got the Patent?

In his early speeches Witt repeated this and added that he took great pride in his invention. Wednesday night, in his South End tent meetings, Witt said that he was "going to fight for a patent," still taking credit for the invention of the car, but declaring that "as soon as it was placed on four trucks a Pittsburg man came along and stole the idea." Witt amended his claim to patenting the car to "applied for patent."

In one of his speeches Norton charged that Witt would collect royalty on his patent. Wednesday night the tractioner declared that this particular car "is my baby," and I'm going to collect royalty from other cities if I can, but I won't ask Cleveland for a cent of royalty."

Now Norton supporters want Witt to explain when he told the truth: in his circular, in his speeches prior to Wednesday night, or on Wednesday night. They also point out that they have nothing but Witt's word that he won't collect royalty from Cleveland, and point to the different stories Witt has told about this car in asking: "How can we believe he won't 'soak' Clevelanders for using his new car."

Also Witt opponents want to know why he is forcing the use of this particular car in Cleveland.

A charge also gained circulation Thursday that the "Pete's Pet" car was designed by a railway company engineer, and that all Witt did was to change the location of the fare box from the floor level at the exit to the upper level.

"Principle," Says Witt.

Witt, Thursday, said it is principle more than money he is fighting for in his efforts to patent the new type of car.

"I want to keep another man from hogging my idea, but incidentally, I'm going to get whatever royalties there are in it, from every car company outside of Cleveland that uses my type of car," Witt said. "Clevelanders won't have to pay."

Witt has applied for a patent on the "Pete's Pet" on which he says a patent already has been taken out by Pearl M. Jones, superintendent of the Pittsburg Railway Company.

"We put the first model of my design in operation here December 4, 1914," Witt said. "Jones patented my idea on January 25. But there'll be a court battle over the title to the patent before Jones ever collects a cent of royalty on the cars.

"Jones several years ago patented the idea of making the rear halves of trailer cars platform so that the pay-leave and pay-enter system could be used on the same car. He patented that just seven days after we put the first one into operation here.

"It's not that I care so much about the money from the royalties. But if anybody is going to get the money for my idea, you can just bet it'll be Pete Witt."

Cleveland Railway officials laughed at the idea of either Witt or Jones getting any money out of the patent. They say it isn't worth the paper it's written on, because of court rulings in the famous Roundtree patent cases, when courts held only the mechanical devices for the carrying out of a fare collecting system can be patented. Witt and Jones, they say, are fighting over an idea, not a mechanical device.

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Salen spoke to one of the biggest tent crowds of the campaign Wednesday night at Woodland ave. and E. 34th st. Hecklers planted in various parts of the tent helped make the meeting one of the noisiest of the campaign. Salen indulged in some additional "unmasking" of the Democratic machine control of city affairs, and referred to Witt as "landlady" in repeating the charges that Witt's investment company had until three weeks ago held the lease on the Norman hotel. Salen charged Witt had lied about the Norman hotel lease on Tuesday, and again on Wednesday. He said he expected to prove before the campaign is over that Witt still is getting the Norman rent.

Salen charged that W. Burr Gongwer, collector of customs, and Tim McDonough, machine leader, had used their political powers to urge saloonkeepers to patronize an automobile agent who had given Gongwer two machines free.

"Didn't you get $150,000 out of the county clerk's office?" one heckler shouted a dozen times during the meeting, until a policeman suppressed him.

"I did not," Salen answered. To a further question as to how much he did get, Salen replied it was his own business.

To another heckler Salen said he would not permit interference with social club activities.

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Witt made no mention of the Norman hotel lease in his tent meeting at Buckeye rd., and E. 99th st., nor did he attempt to explain the discrepancies in his first explanation of his holding of the lease and his second explanation, both of which were contrary to the county recorder's records. Instead he indulged in an attack on his opponents, bitterly assailing Salen as a "peanut sport", called Davis a "boy" and Norton "an old man."

Witt admitted he intended collecting royalties all over the United States for the front entrance, side exit car he designed, as charged by Norton. Witt said the car was "his baby" and that he was going to fight for the royalties. Witt said he recently had told Samuel Scovil, president of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company that the price of electric light will have to be reduced by March 1, 1916.

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Davis branded Witt a coward in speaking at his tent meeting, W. 38th st. and Franklin ave., Wednesday night. He charged Witt had called him names Tuesday night but that on Saturday night when he and Witt met in debate he was afraid to call him any uncomplimentary names.

Davis answered an attack made upon him in a pamphlet issued by the Democratic machine, in which he was charged with giving the city a poor administration as city treasurer. He denied he employed incompetent men and pointed to the report of the state auditor at the time, which said the office was conducted in a business-like manner.

Davis also addressed several other gatherings.

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Norton predicted in a meeting at 1467 Addison rd., Wednesday night, that the Baldwin rd. reservoir would break within a few years and flood the eastern part of the city. The city administration bungled when it built the reservoir on Cleveland Heights, Norton said.

At the Twentieth Ward Republican Club, E. 88th pl., Norton said that if Witt is elected he will attempt to take all the power he could from council.

Harry L. Davis was invited to speak at the meeting, but did not appear.

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The Woman Suffrage party Thursday was preparing to investigate treatment accorded women who sought to register for voting at the November 2 election.

The investigation was ordered at a meeting of the party at the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday, when Miss Belle Sherwin, chairman of the registration committee, reported the elections board had credited only twenty-nine women with registration in the sixth ward, when it was known fifty-three registered.

Complaints of discourtesy by booth officials to women also are to be investigated.

Mrs. E. L. Bassett and Mrs. Alta Gilbert, delegates to the state convention, to be held here November 11 and 12, were instructed to vote against submission of the suffrage amendment at the 1916 elections.

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Salen expects to wind up his expose of city hall conditions and his "unmasking of Witt" at a big mass meeting in Acme hall Sunday afternoon. The stereopticon views that have featured the Salen tent meetings this week will be repeated. Besides Salen James P. O'Rourke and others will speak.

At a tent meeting at Forman ave. and Broadway Thursday night Salen promises to add to his "expose."

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The wets Thursday completed arrangements for the biggest meeting of their campaign at Grays armory Thursday night when Congressman Jacob Meeker, St. Louis, will be the principal speaker. Three thousand men were expected to attend. It will be under the auspices of the Cleveland Federation of Labor and will be the last mass meeting. Wets will continue their nightly ward and street corner meetings until Monday night.

The drys' closing meeting will be held at Grays armory Saturday night when William J. Bryan and Evangelist Sam Jones will speak. The meeting will be for men only. Bryan will address women at Euclid Avenue Baptist church preceding the big meeting. The parade of children Saturday afternoon is expected to include ten thousand boys and girls who will ride through the downtown streets in automobiles displaying prohibition pennants and singing dry campaign songs.

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Samuel H. Silbert, police prosecutor and candidate for municipal court judge, discovered Thursday the board of elections officials have left his middle initial from the judicial ballot. He will file a complaint, asking the board to have the ballots reprinted, giving his full name—Samuel H. Silbert.

"It is too late now to make any corrections in the ballot," Deputy Clerk Wentz said.

CHARGE BAKER BOOSTS MOOK

Criticism was hurled at Mayor Baker Thursday when reports became current that he had issued instructions to twentieth ward Democrats to line up for DeLo E. Mook, candidate for council in the mayor's home ward. Mook, who has never been considered a Democrat, is said to have been put in the race by Baker because he feared the election of Gordon W. Ruthenberg, Republican.

Friends of William J. Gibbons, the Democratic candidate in ward 20, were incensed when they heard of Baker's reported action. They charged him with unfairness in urging Mook's candidacy.

Charles B. Stannard, the other Republican candidate in the ward, in a meeting Wednesday night at the Twentieth Ward Republican Club, E. 88th pl., charged Baker with being responsible for Mook's candidacy. Stannard announced he would repeat his charges at a meeting Thursday night at Crawford rd. and E. 83d st.

"Baker can't fool the twentieth ward people with Mook," Ruthenberg said Thursday. "He can't palm him off as a Democrat, nor can he make people believe Mook is a Republican. We are not worrying a great deal over Baker's action because he demonstrated his strength two years ago in his own ward when he failed to carry his own precinct."

VORCE AND CITY OFFICERS DIFFER ON THAT $11.50

Statements by Myron B. Vorce, architect, and city hall officials, on who got the $11.50 that J. H. Clark, 972 Ansel rd., three years ago paid for a building permit which he was forced to return, were directly contradictory Thursday.

Clark, at a Witt tent meeting at W. 25th st. and Meyer ave. last week, charged city hall refused to refund his money when it forced him to abandon reconstruction of a lodging house at Ontario st. and Huron rd. Afterwards, he said, Vorce took out a permit for Mark Lamb, lodging house proprietor, and completed the job. Clark forced Mayor Baker to refund the $11.50 last Saturday, but finance officials claimed the $11.50 was credited to Vorce when he took out a permit for Lamb.

Said Accounts Commissioner Murphy Thursday: "The work Lamb did was of considerably greater extent than that contemplated by Clark. So we gave Vorce credit on the Lamb permit. By paying the $11.50 back to Clark the city is out exactly that much.

Declared Vorce Thursday: "I never received the $11.50, never paid for the Lamb permit, nor did I take out a permit for Lamb. The building department notified Lamb the Clark permit had been reinstated. No fees were paid. When Clark, a year ago, demanded the return of his money, I was notified. I went to city hall, investigated, then wrote to Lamb advising him to pay the $11.50 to the city so the could refund it to Clark."

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